

LAROCHE RICHARD F JR
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 LAROCHE RICHARD F JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 NATIONAL HEALTH INVESTORS INC [NHI]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 100 VINE STREET, SUITE 1400
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/19/2008

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

MURFREESBORO, TN 37130
 (City) (State) (Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock in My Name and My Wife's Name					900	D	
Common Stock by LaRoche Family L.P.	02/19/2008		G	8,100 A <u>11</u>	46,998	I	Family Partnership
Common Stock by Trustee of					32,951	I	Trustee

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Common
Stock by
LaRoche
Enterprises

460,419 D

Common
Stock by
IRA

8,208 D

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Pr Deri Secu (Inst	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 16.35					04/24/2003	04/23/2008	Common Stock	15,000
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 23.9					04/20/2004	04/19/2009	Common Stock	15,000
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 26.78					05/03/2005	05/02/2010	Common Stock	15,000
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 23.79					05/02/2006	05/01/2011	Common Stock	15,000

Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 34.25	05/16/2007	05/15/2012	Common Stock	15,000
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LAROCHE RICHARD F JR 100 VINE STREET, SUITE 1400 MURFREESBORO, TN 37130		X		

Signatures

/s/ Richard F. LaRoche, Jr.	03/03/2008
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**Signature of Reporting Person	Date
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Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

(1) 8,100 shares were gifted to LaRoche Family L.P. and as such, this transaction has no purchase or sale price.

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