NATIONAL HEALTH INVESTORS INC

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

WELCH TED H

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

NATIONAL HEALTH

INVESTORS INC [NHI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 05/16/2007

611 COMMERCE STREET, SUITE 2920

(State)

(First)

(Middle)

(Zip)

(Last)

(City)

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Applicable Line)

X_ Director

Officer (give title

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Issuer

below)

NASHVILLE, TN 37203

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

(A)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)

Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

Reported Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price

Shares of

Common Stock

36,018

D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exerci Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Y	te	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				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		A	15,000	05/16/2007	05/15/2012	Common Stock	15,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
Fg	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
WELCH TED H 611 COMMERCE STREET SUITE 2920 NASHVILLE, TN 37203	X					
Signatures						

/s/Ted H. Welch	05/16/200			
**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).
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