NATIONAL HEALTH INVESTORS INC Form 8-K May 06, 2016

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): May 6, 2016 (May 3, 2016)

NATIONAL HEALTH INVESTORS, INC. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland	001-10822	62-1470956
(State or other jurisdiction	(Commission	(IRS Employer
of incorporation)	File Number)	Identification No.)

222 Robert Rose Drive, Murfreesboro, TN 37129 (Address of principal executive offices)

(615) 890-9100 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable (Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c)

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Item 8.01. Other Events.

On May 3, 2016, National Health Investors, Inc. ("NHI") announced that it has completed its previously announced transaction to enter into a new 15-year master lease with affiliates of The Ensign Group, Inc. (NASDAQ: ENSG) ("Ensign") of 15 skilled nursing facilities in Texas totaling 1,806 beds for an initial annual amount of \$17.75 million plus an annual escalator based on inflation. A copy of the press release is attached to this Current Report as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

A list of exhibits filed herewith is contained on the Exhibit Index and is incorporated herein by reference.

Exhibit Index

Number Exhibit

99.1 HTML version of press release issued May 3, 2016 titled "NHI Completes Lease of 15 Skilled Nursing Facilities in Texas to Ensign Group and the Sale of Two Facilities." SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

> NATIONAL HEALTH INVESTORS, INC. By: /s/ Roger R. Hopkins Name: Roger R. Hopkins Title: Principal Financial Officer

Date: May 6, 2016