

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

July 30, 2015

Via E-mail
Mr. Roger R. Hopkins
Chief Financial Officer
National Health Investors, Inc.
222 Robert Rose Drive,
Murfreesboro, Tennessee 37129

Re: National Health Investors, Inc.

Form 10-K

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Dear Mr. Hopkins:

We have completed our review of your filing. We remind you that our comments or changes to disclosure in response to our comments do not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the company or the filing and the company may not assert staff comments as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States. We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filing to be certain that the filing includes the information the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and all applicable rules require.

Sincerely,

/s/ Kevin Woody

Mr. Kevin Woody Branch Chief