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Form 3

February 21, 2003

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

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

- 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person Swafford, Charlotte A.
 - 915 E. Main Street

Murfreesboro, TN 37130

- 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) February 21, 2003
- 3. IRS or Social Security Number of Reporting Person (Voluntary)
- 4. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol National Health Investors, Inc.
- 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) () Director () 10% Owner (X) Officer (give title below) () Other (specify below) Treasurer
- 6. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year) February 10, 2003
- 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 - (X) Form filed by One Reporting Person
 - () Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I -- Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security	2. Amount of	13.	Ownership	4.	Nature of
	Securities	1	Form:		Beneficial
	Beneficially	1	Direct(D) or		
	Owned	1	<pre>Indirect(I)</pre>		

Common Stock in my name and my s	pouse's nam 104,785	I 	Partnership
Common Stock	498,533	I	Partnership

Table II -- Derivative Securitites Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Derivative	2.Date Exer-	3.Title and Amount		4. Conver-	- 5. Owne
Security	cisable and	of Underlying		sion or	ship
	Expiration	Securities	1	exercise	Form of
	Date(Month/			- price of	Deriv-
	Day/Year)	1	Amount	deri-	ative
	Date Expira-	·	or	vative	Securit
	Exer- tion	Title	Number of	f Security	Direct(
	cisable Date	I	Shares		Indirec

Employee Stock	Option-"R 10/26/99	10/25/05	Common Stock	110,000	\$14.50	D
ight to Buy"		1	I	1	1	1

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Explanation of Responses: SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSON s/Charlotte A. Swafford DATE February 21, 2003