

FORM 3

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Joel H. Jobe 1706 Herald Lane Murfreesboro TN 37130	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 04/27/2004	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol National Health Realty, Inc. [NHR]		5. If amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director ___ 10% Owner ___ Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)		

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Shares of Common Stock	0	D	

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

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5(b)(v).

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 Murfreesboro TN 37130

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Period Of Report
 04/27/2004

Table II -Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)							
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (mm/dd/yy)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Securities (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Securities: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exer- cisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Option to Purchase Common Stock	04/20/2004	04/19/2009	Common Stock	5,000	\$16.50	D	

Explanation of Responses:

By: /s/ Joel H. Jobe by Ann S. Benson, Power of Attorney
 Date 4/30/2004
 **Signature of Reporting Person

**Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.

See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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