

NATIONAL HEALTHCARE CORP

Form 4

September 12, 2014

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
ABERNATHY JAMES PAUL

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
NATIONAL HEALTHCARE CORP
[NHC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

2102 GREENLAND DRIVE

(Street)

MURFREESBORO, TN 37130

(City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
09/11/2014

☒ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☐ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Shares of Common Stock	09/11/2014		S	606	D \$ 58 20,937	D	
Shares of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock					12,388	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)

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Pr Deri Secur (Instr.
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 45.8					05/09/2011	05/08/2016	Common Stock	3,583	
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 44.8					05/03/2012	05/02/2017	Common Stock	7,500	
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 47.45					05/08/2013	05/07/2018	Common Stock	7,500	
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 52.93					05/08/2014	05/07/2019	Common Stock	7,500	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ABERNATHY JAMES PAUL 2102 GREENLAND DRIVE MURFREESBORO, TN 37130	X			

Signatures

J. Paul Abernathy by Kristina Hulsey,
P.O.A.

09/12/2014

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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