

NATIONAL HEALTHCARE CORP
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN 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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 ADAMS ROBERT G

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)
 100 VINE ST., SUITE 1400
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/09/2017

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

MURFREESBORO, TN 37130
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 - my name and my partnership's name				(A) or (D) Price	0	D	
Shares of Common Stock - Trust I				(A) or (D) Price	1,034	I	Trustee
Shares of Common Stock -				(A) or (D) Price	416,432	I	General Partner

Partnership

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. Amount or Number of Shares
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 72.94	05/09/2017		A	7,500 <u>(1)</u>	05/09/2017 05/08/2018	Common Stock	7,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ADAMS ROBERT G 100 VINE ST. SUITE 1400 MURFREESBORO, TN 37130		X		

Signatures

/s/ Robert G.
Adams 05/09/2017

**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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These stock options were granted pursuant to the Company's 2010 Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan on May 9, 2017. The grant and exercise of these stock options are exempt from Section 16(b) pursuant to Rule 16b-3(d).

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