

NATIONAL HEALTHCARE CORP
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 ADAMS W ANDREW

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)
 801 MOORELAND LANE
 (Street)
 MURFREESBORO, TN 37128
 (City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/09/2017
 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 - AdamsMark, L.P.				(A) or (D)	610,813	D	
Shares of Common Stock - my name or my spouse's name				(A) or (D)	19,990	D	
Shares of Common				(A) or (D)	1,937	D	

Stock - WAA
 Exempt Trust
 Shares of
 Common
 Stock - Adams
 Family
 Foundation II

35,407 I Trustee

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	\$ 52.93					05/08/2014 05/07/2019	Common Stock	7,500
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 61.25					05/07/2015 05/06/2020	Common Stock	7,500
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 62.78					06/02/2016 06/01/2021	Common Stock	7,500
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 72.94	05/09/2017		A	7,500 <u>(1)</u>	05/09/2017 05/08/2025	Common Stock	7,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ADAMS W ANDREW 801 MOORELAND LANE MURFREESBORO, TN 37128			X	

Signatures

/s/ W. Andrew
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).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) 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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