

NATIONAL HEALTHCARE CORP  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
**BURGESS ERNEST G III**

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)  
**7097 FRANKLIN ROAD**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**06/02/2016**

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

**MURFREESBORO, TN 37128**  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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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**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 Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Shares of Common Stock					98,421	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)**

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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	\$ 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
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 61.25					05/07/2015 05/06/2020	Common Stock	7,500
Option to Purchase Common Stock <sup>(2)</sup>	\$ 62.78 <sup>(2)</sup>	06/02/2016		A <sup>(2)</sup>	7,500 <sup>(1)</sup>	06/02/2016 06/01/2021	Common Stock	7,500

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BURGESS ERNEST G III 7097 FRANKLIN ROAD MURFREESBORO, TN 37128			X	

## Signatures

Ernest G. Burgess, III by Kristina Hulseley,  
P.O.A. 06/03/2016

        \*\*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) This stock option was granted pursuant to the Company's 2005 Stock Option Plan on June 2, 2016. The grant and exercise of this stock option are exempt from Section 16(b) pursuant to Rule 16b-3(d).
- (2) This Option to Purchase Common Stock granted 06/02/2016 was inadvertently reported on a Form 5 when it should have been filed on a Form 4. This Form 4 correctly reflects the transaction and replaces the previous Form 5.

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