

ADAMS W ANDREW  
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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 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)  
100 VINE STREET  
(Street)  
MURFREESBORO, TN 37130  
(City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/20/2018  
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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Shares of Common Stock - AdamsMark, L.P.						D	
Shares of Common Stock - my name or my spouse's name	12/20/2018		M	2,500 (1)	\$ 52.93	D	
Shares of Common					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)	Amount or Number of Shares
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 52.93	12/20/2018		M	2,500	05/08/2014 <sup>(2)</sup> 05/07/2019	Common Stock	7,500
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 61.25					05/07/2015 <sup>(2)</sup> 05/06/2020	Common Stock	7,500
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 62.78					06/02/2016 <sup>(2)</sup> 06/01/2021	Common Stock	7,500
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 72.94					05/09/2017 <sup>(2)</sup> 05/08/2022	Common Stock	7,500
	\$ 61.9					05/03/2018 <sup>(2)</sup> 05/02/2023		7,500

Option to  
Purchase  
Common  
Stock

Common  
Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ADAMS W ANDREW 100 VINE STREET MURFREESBORO, TN 37130		X		

## Signatures

/s/ W. Andrew  
Adams

12/21/2018

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 2005 Stock Option Plan on May 8, 2014. The grant and exercise of these stock options are exempt from Section 16(b) pursuant to Rule 16b-3(d).
  - (2) This option was amended November 8, 2018.

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