

ADAMS W ANDREW
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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 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)
222 ROBERT ROSE DRIVE
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/19/2012

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

MURFREESBORO, TN 37129
(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)			
			Code	V	Amount (D) or Price (A)					
Shares of Common Stock - AdamsMark L.P.	12/19/2012		M		2,510 (1)	A	\$ 45.8	605,170	D	
Shares of Common Stock-WAA Exempt Trust								1,937	D	
Shares of Common Stock - Adams								35,407	I	Trustee

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Family Foundation II				
Shares of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock - AMK, L.P.	479,682	D		
Shares of Series A Conv Pref Stock-WAA Exempt Trust	3,500	D		
Shares of Series A Conv Pref Stock-Adams Family Found 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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 51.5					05/01/2008	05/01/2013	Common Stock	15,000
Option to Purchase Common	\$ 37.7					05/05/2009	05/04/2014	Common Stock	7,950

Stock

Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 45.8	12/19/2012	M	2,510	05/09/2011	05/08/2016	Common Stock	7,500
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Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 44.8				05/03/2012	05/02/2017	Common Stock	7,500
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ADAMS W ANDREW 222 ROBERT ROSE DRIVE MURFREESBORO, TN 37129	X			

Signatures

W. Andrew Adams by Ann S. Benson, P.O.A.	12/19/2012
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**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, 2011. The grant and exercise of these stock options are exempt from Section 16(b) pursuant to Rule 16b-3(d).

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