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# FORM 4

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction

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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

Common

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*

03/05/2009

1			Symbol NATIONAL HEALTHCARE CORP [NHC]				Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First) (M		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)			DirectorX Officer (given below)	ve title Oth	6 Owner her (specify		
1825 LOMB	E 03/05/20	03/05/2009				below) Senior V.P. & General Counsel				
(Street) 4.			4. If Amendment, Date Original				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
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NASHVILL					Form filed by More than One Reporting Person					
(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned						lly Owned				
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securi	ties		5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of	
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	onAcquired	(A) or	•	Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect	
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	Disposed	of (D)		Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial	
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3,	4 and 5	5)	Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership	
							Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)	
					(A)		Reported Transaction(s)			
					or		(Instr. 3 and 4)			
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(1113ti. 3 and 4)			

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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\$ 55 7,500

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

2,500

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number coof 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 "Right to Buy"	\$ 55	03/05/2009		M	2,500	02/22/2009	03/23/2009	Common Stock	20,000

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

LINES JOHN K

1825 LOMBARDY AVENUE Senior V.P. & General Counsel

NASHVILLE,, TN 37215

### **Signatures**

John K. Lines by Ann S. Benson, POA 03/09/2009

\*\*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 2005 Stock Option Plan on February 16, 2007. The grant and exercise of these stock options are exempt from Section 16(b) pursuant to Rule 16b-3(d).

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