

POWELL JULIA W
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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 *
POWELL JULIA W

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)
3712 LASCASSAS PIKE
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
09/06/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Sr. V.P., Patient Services

MURFREESBORO, TN 37130
(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Shares of Common Stock in my name and my spouse's name	09/06/2012		S	1,444 D	\$ 45.41 0 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Shares of Common Stock in my name and my spouse's name	09/07/2012		S	600 D	\$ 46.1 117,510	D	

Shares of
Series A
Convertible
Preferred
Stock

83,010 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)

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. Price or Number of Shares
Option to purchase Common Stock	\$ 46.69			V	(A)	02/21/2012 02/29/2016	Common Stock	36,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
POWELL JULIA W 3712 LASCASSAS PIKE MURFREESBORO, TN 37130			Sr. V.P., Patient Services	

Signatures

Julia W. Powell by Ann S. Benson,
P.O.A. 09/10/2012

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Transaction totaled with the line below.

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