NATIONAL HEALTHCARE CORP
Form 4
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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)

7097 FRANKLIN ROAD

(Street)

MURFREESBORO, TN 37128

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
NATIONAL HEALTHCARE CORP [NHC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/19/2016

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person
___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Shares of Common Stock	12/19/2016		S		2,746	D	$ 77.27	0 (1)	D	
Shares of Common Stock	12/19/2016		S		2,254	D	$ 77.34	0 (1)	D	
Shares of Common Stock	12/20/2016		S		1,506	D	$ 78.0249	0 (1)	D	
Shares of Common	12/21/2016		S		1,494	D	$ 78.03	90,421 (2)	D	

Stock

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. Pr Deri Secu (Inst
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	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	$ 47.75							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	$ 62.78							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 Hulsey, P.O.A.	12/22/2016
**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) Transaction totaled on the line below.

(2) Total number of common shares following reported transactions.

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