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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

ADAMS W ANDREW

			NATIONAL HEALTHCARE CORP [NHC]			RP	(Check all applicable)				
(Last) 100 VINE STR		Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 05/03/2018					X Director Officer (give below)	title 10% Owner Other (specify below)		
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
MURFREESBORO, TN 37130								Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned								
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction (Month/Day/Ye	ear) Exec	Deemed ution Date, if nth/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit onAcquired Disposed (Instr. 3,	(A) or l of (D) 4 and 5) Price	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 - AdamsMark, L.P.								610,813	D		
Shares of Common Stock - my name or my spouse's name								19,990	D		
Shares of Common								1,937	D		

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Stock - WAA **Exempt Trust**

Shares of Common

35,407 Trustee Stock - Adams I

Family

Foundation II

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)	e 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	Securities	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	\$ 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
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 72.94					05/09/2017	05/08/2022(1)	Common Stock	7,500
Option to Purchase	\$ 61.9	05/03/2018		A	7,500 (2)	05/03/2018	05/02/2023	Common Stock	7,500

Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

ADAMS W ANDREW
100 VINE STREET X
MURFREESBORO, TN 37130

Signatures

/s/ W. Andrew Adams 05/03/2018

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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) expiration incorrectly reported on a previous Form
- (2) These stock options were granted pursuant to the 2010 Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan on May 3, 2018. The grant and exercise of these stock options are exempt from Section 16(b) pursuant to Rule 16b-3(d).

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