

TUCKER LAWRENCE C
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FORM 4

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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 *
 TUCKER LAWRENCE C

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)
 100 VINE STREET
 (Street)
 MURFREESBORO, TN 37130
 (City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 04/22/2019
 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Shares of Common Stock	04/22/2019		M	2,200 (1)	\$ 61.25	156,500	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)

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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities (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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Option to purchase common stock	\$ 61.25	04/22/2019		M	2,200	05/07/2015 ⁽²⁾ 05/06/2020	Common Stock	3,200
Option to purchase common stock	\$ 62.78					06/02/2016 ⁽²⁾ 06/01/2021	Common Stock	7,500
Option to purchase common stock	\$ 72.94					05/09/2017 ⁽²⁾ 05/08/2022	Common Stock	7,500
Option to purchase common stock	\$ 61.9					05/03/2018 ⁽²⁾ 05/02/2023	Common Stock	7,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
TUCKER LAWRENCE C 100 VINE STREET MURFREESBORO, TN 37130		X		

Signatures

/s/ Lawrence C. Tucker by Kristina R. Hulsey,
P.O.A. 04/23/2019

__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)

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These stock options were granted pursuant to the 2005 Stock Option Plan on May 7, 2015. The grant and exercise of these stock options are exempt from Section 16(b) pursuant to Rule 16b-3(d).

(2) This option was amended November 8, 2018.

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