NATIONAL HEALTHCARE CORP Form 8-K May 10, 2017

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): May 10, 2017 (May 9, 2017)

NATIONAL HEALTHCARE CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 001-13489 52-2057472

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

100 Vine Street		37130
Murfreesboro, Tennessee		(Zip Code)
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)		
Registrant's te	lephone number, including area code	e: (615) 890-2020
	Not Applicable	
(Former na	ame or former address, if changed since	e last report)
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Check the appropriate box below if tobligation of the registrant under any	he Form 8-K filing is intended to sim y of the following provisions:	ultaneously satisfy the filing
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] Pre-commencement communication	as pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the I	Exchange Act (17CFR 240.13e-4(c))

ITEM 2.02.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

National	HealthCare Corporation ("NHC") issued a press release on May 10, 2017 announ	cing its March 31, 2017
earnings.	The entire press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference he	erein.

ITEM 8.01.

OTHER EVENTS.

NHC issued a press release on May 9, 2017 announcing its quarterly common dividend. The entire press release is attached as Exhibit 99.2 and is incorporated by reference herein.

ITEM 9.01.

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

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Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description of Exhibit

99.1 Copy of press release issued on May 10, 2017 by National HealthCare Corporation

announcing March 31, 2017 earnings

29.2 Copy of press release issued on May 9, 2017 by National HealthCare Corporation

announcing common dividend

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date:

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NATIONAL HEALTHCARE CORPORATION

By: /s/ Brian F. Kidd

Name: Brian F. Kidd

Title: Senior VP/Controller

Principal Accounting Officer