

NATIONAL HEALTHCARE CORP
 Form 4
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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)
 C/O BROWN BROTHERS
 HARRIMAN ("BBH"), 140
 BROADWAY
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 04/27/2016

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

NEW YORK, NY 10005-1101
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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) | | | | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|----------|---------|---|--|
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Shares of Common Stock | 04/27/2016 | | M | | 7,500 (1) | A | | \$ 52.93 | 150,000 | 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. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Option to Purchase Common Stock | \$ 52.93 | 04/27/2016 | | M | 7,500 | 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 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| TUCKER LAWRENCE C C/O BROWN BROTHERS HARRIMAN ("BBH") 140 BROADWAY NEW YORK, NY 10005-1101 | X | | | |

Signatures

Lawrence C. Tucker by Kristina Hulsey,
P.O.A. 04/28/2016

**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) This stock option was granted pursuant to the Company's 2005 Stock Option Plan on May 8, 2014. The grant and exercise of this stock option are exempt from Section 16(b) pursuant to Rule 16b-3(d).

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