

ADAMS ROBERT G  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
ADAMS ROBERT G

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 ST., SUITE 1400  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/01/2011

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

MURFREESBORO, TN 37130

(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  
 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 Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |     |         |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|-----|---------|
|  |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Code  | V  | Amount  | (D) | Price   |
| Shares of Common Stock - SARA LP         |                                      |  |                                |   | 364,432   | D  |   |     |         |
| Shares of Common Stock held in Trust     |                                      |  |                                |   | 1,937   | I  |   |     | Trustee |
| Shares of Series A Convertible Preferred |                                      |  |                                |   | 659,289   | D  |   |     |         |

Stock

Shares of  
Series A

Conv Pref

3,500

I

Trustee

Stock held in  
Trust

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) | Amount or Number of Shares |  |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|--|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                      |  |
| Option to purchase Common Stock            | \$ 46.69   | 03/01/2011                           |  | A                              | 75,000<br><u>(1)</u>  | 01/31/2016 02/29/2016                                    | Common Stock  | 75,000                     |  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                       | Relationships |           |         |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| ADAMS ROBERT G<br>100 VINE ST., SUITE 1400<br>MURFREESBORO, TN 37130 | X             |           | CEO     |       |

## Signatures

Robert G.  
Adams 03/02/2011

\*\*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) These stock options were granted pursuant to the Company's 2010 Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan on March 1, 2011. The grant and exercise of these stock options are exempt from Section 16(b) pursuant to Rule 16b-3(d).

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