

NATIONAL HEALTHCARE CORP  
 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**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**LASSITER DAVID L**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 9110 BRENTMEADE BLVD.  
 (Street)

BRENTWOOD, TN 37027

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**NATIONAL HEALTHCARE CORP  
 [NHC]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
**11/20/2015**

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**Sr. V.P., Corporate Affairs**

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 Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount or Price   |  |  |
| Shares of Common Stock          | 11/20/2015                           |  | M                              |   | 2,141 A \$ 46.69  | 27,522   | D  |
| Shares of Common Stock          | 11/20/2015                           |  | F                              |   | 1,536 (1) D \$ 65.07  | 25,986   | D  |
| Shares of Common Stock          | 11/20/2015                           |  | M                              |   | 23,718 A \$ 46.69   | 49,704   | D  |
| Shares of Common                | 11/20/2015                           |  | F                              |   | 17,018 (2) D \$ 65.07   | 32,686   | D  |

## Stock

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 |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|-----------------|---|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  |                                |   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date |   |                            |
| Option to purchase Common Stock            | \$ 46.69   | 11/20/2015                           |  | M                              | 2,141   | 12/04/2012   | 02/29/2016      | Common Stock  | 28,000                     |
| Option to purchase Common Stock            | \$ 46.69   | 11/20/2015                           |  | M                              | 23,718  | 12/04/2012   | 02/29/2016      | Common Stock  | 25,859                     |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                   | Relationships |           |                                   |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                           | Other |
| LASSITER DAVID L<br>9110 BRENTMEADE BLVD.<br>BRENTWOOD, TN 37027 |               |           | Sr. V.P.,<br>Corporate<br>Affairs |       |

## Signatures

/s/ David L.  
Lassiter

11/24/2015

\*\*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) Previously owned shares tendered to company to pay the exercise price.
  - (2) Shares were withheld by the Company to pay the exercise price.

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