

ADAMS W ANDREW
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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 *
ADAMS W ANDREW

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)
12/29/2004

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

MURFREESBORO, TN 37130
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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) |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|--|
| Shares of Common Stock - WAA | | | | (A) or (D) | 477 | D | Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| Shares of Common Stock - AdamsMark L.P. | 12/29/2004 | | M | 55,000 A | \$ 3 967,545 | D | Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| Shares of Common Stock - Adams Children's Trust | | | | (A) or (D) | 77,528 | I | Trustee |

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| Shares of Common Stock - Adams Family Foundation II | 35,407 | I | Trustee |
| Shares of Common Stock - Adams Grandchildren's Trust | 2,307 | I | Trustee |

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) | | |
|---|--|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|--|---|-----------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount Number Shares |
| Employee Stock Option - "Right to Buy" | \$ 3 | 12/29/2004 | | M | 55,000 | 12/29/2004 | 10/25/2006 | Common Stock | 55,000 |
| Employee Stock Option - "Right to Buy" | \$ 20.9 | | | | | 02/22/2010 | 03/23/2010 | Common Stock | 300,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| ADAMS W ANDREW 100 VINE ST., SUITE 1400 MURFREESBORO, TN 37130 | X | | | |

Signatures

W. Andrew
Adams

12/30/2004

__Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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