

ADAMS W ANDREW  
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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 \*  
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)  
750 S. CHURCH STREET, SUITE B  
  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/03/2009

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)  
 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Shares of Common Stock - AdamsMark L.P.	03/03/2009		M		130,500	A	\$ 20.9
Shares of Common Stock - Adams Children's Trust					77,528	I	Trustee
Shares of Common Stock - Adams Family					35,407	I	Trustee

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Foundation II Shares of Common Stock - Adams Grandchildren's Trust	2,307	I	Trustee
Shares of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock - AMK, L.P.	479,682	D	
Shares of Series A Conv Pref Stock - Adams Christian Trust	77,528	I	Trustee
Shares of Series A Conv Pref Stock-Adams Family Found II	35,407	I	Trustee
Shares of Series A Conv Pef Stock-Adams Grandchildrns 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"	\$ 20.9	03/03/2009		M	290,000 (1)	12/29/2004 03/23/2009	Common Stock	290,000	

Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 32.01	05/03/2005	05/02/2010	Common Stock	15,000
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 44.25	05/03/2006	05/02/2011	Common Stock	15,000
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 52.5	04/24/2007	04/23/2012	Common Stock	15,000
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 51.5	05/01/2008	05/01/2013	Common Stock	15,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ADAMS W ANDREW 750 S. CHURCH STREET, SUITE B MURFREESBORO, TN 37130		X		

## Signatures

W. Andrew Adams 03/05/2009

\*\*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) 159,500 shares were distributed pursuant to a Marital Dissolution Agreement to The Adams Group L.P. The reporting person no longer has a reportable interest in The Adams Group L.P. as a result of the Marital Dissolution Agreement.

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