

NATIONAL HEALTHCARE CORP

Form 8-K

February 12, 2014

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 12, 2014 (February 12, 2014)

NATIONAL HEALTHCARE CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

001-13489

52-2057472

(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

100 Vine Street

37130

Murfreesboro, Tennessee

(Zip Code)

(Address of Principal Executive
Offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (615) 890-2020

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01.

Other Events.

NHC issued a press release on February 12, 2014 announcing its preferred and common dividends. The entire press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01.

Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d)

Exhibits.

Exhibit No.

Description of Exhibit

99.1

Copy of press release issued on February 12, 2014 by National HealthCare Corporation announcing preferred and common dividends

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date:

February 12, 2014

NATIONAL HEALTHCARE CORPORATION

By: /s/ Donald K. Daniel

Name: Donald K. Daniel

Title: Senior VP/Controller

Principal Accounting Officer