

BURGESS ERNEST G III
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FORM 5

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ANNUAL 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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BURGESS ERNEST G III
 (Last) (First) (Middle)

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

3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year)
 12/31/2017

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting
 (check applicable line)

100 VINE STREET
 (Street)

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

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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 at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
Shares of Common Stock	05/30/2017		G	500 D \$ 0	0 (1)	D	
Shares of Common Stock	12/19/2017		G	1,450 D \$ 0	0 (1)	D	
Shares of Common Stock	12/27/2017		G	1,500 D \$ 0	99,171	D	

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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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 52.93	Â	Â	Â	Â	05/08/2014 05/07/2019	Common Stock	7,500
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 61.25	Â	Â	Â	Â	05/07/2015 05/06/2020	Common Stock	7,500
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 62.78	Â	Â	Â	Â	06/02/2016 06/01/2021	Common Stock	7,500
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 72.94	Â	Â	Â	Â	05/09/2017 05/08/2022	Common Stock	7,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BURGESS ERNEST G III 100 VINE STREET MURFREESBORO, TN 37130	Â X	Â	Â	Â

Signatures

/s/ Ernest G.
Burgess, III

02/13/2017

__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) Transaction totaled on the line below.

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