

NATIONAL HEALTHCARE CORP  
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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 \*  
**BATEY JOANNE M**

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)  
**9165 BIG SPRINGS ROAD**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**11/07/2007**

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
**Sr. Vice President, Homecare**

**CHRISTIANA, TN 37037**

(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  
 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	(D)	Price
Shares of Common Stock in my name and my spouse's name					63,568	D	
Shares of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock	11/07/2007		J		49,288	A	\$ 15.75
					49,288	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)

Table with 7 columns: 1. Title of Derivative Security, 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security, 3. Transaction Date, 3A. Deemed Execution Date, 4. Transaction Code, 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D), 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date, 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities. Row 1: Employee Stock Option - 'Right to Buy', \$ 20.9, 12/20/2006, 03/23/2009, Common Stock, 31,200.

Reporting Owners

Table with 2 main columns: Reporting Owner Name / Address, Relationships. Row 1: BATEY JOANNE M, 9165 BIG SPRINGS ROAD, CHRISTIANA, TN 37037; Relationships: Sr. Vice President, Homecare.

Signatures

Joanne M. Batey by Ann S. Benson, POA, 11/09/2007. \*\*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).

Remarks:

J - New Preferred Stock received from the merger of National Health Realty into the Company. Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedure.

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