#### NATIONAL HEALTHCARE CORP

Form 4

December 28, 2007

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obligations may continue. <i>See</i> Instruction 1(b).	Section 17(a) of the		Holding	Compan	y Ac	t of 19				
(Print or Type Respo	onses)									
1. Name and Address LAROCHE RIC	ss of Reporting Person * CHARD F JR	2. Issuer Nam Symbol NATIONAL			_	Iss	Relationship of I			
		[NHC]					(Cneck	all applicable	)	
(Last) 2103 SHANNO	(First) (Middle) N DRIVE	3. Date of Earliest Transaction  (Month/Day/Year)  12/27/2007 X Director Officer (give title below)				itle 10% Owner Other (specify below)				
MURFREESBO	(Street)	Filed(Month/Day/Year)  Applicable Lin _X_ Form filed				oplicable Line) _ Form filed by Or	Joint/Group Filing(Check  y One Reporting Person  More than One Reporting			
MUNITALESBO	JKO, 11\ 3/129					Per	rson			
(City)	(State) (Zip)	Table I - N	Non-Deriva	ative Secu	rities	Acquir	ed, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	an	ecution Date, if	Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi on(A) or Di (D) (Instr. 3,	4 and (A) or	d of	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)	
Common Stock, held in trust, subject to life estate							29,523	I	Remainder in GRAT	
Common Stock - IRA							1,038	D		
Common Stock - Held in my name or my	12/27/2007		M	2,000	A	\$ 52.5	2,000	D		

276,152 D

Common Stock - Partnership					
Common Stock - Family Partnership			23,638	I	Family Partnership
Common Stock - Family Foundation			10,100	I	Trustee of Family Foundation
Shares of Series A Conv. Preferred Stock by Trustee of GRAT			31,523	I	Remain. in GRAT
Shares of Series A Conv. Preferred Stock - IRA			1,921	D	
Shares of Series A Conv. Preferred Stock - LaRoche Family LP			3,938	I	Family Partnership
Shares of Series A Conv. Preferred Stock-LaRoche Enterprises			330,202	D	
Shares of Series A Conv. Preferred Stock-Family Foundation			23,880	I	Trustee of Family Foundation
Reminder: Report on a separa	te line for each class of securities benefic	cially owned directly or indir	ectly.		
1		Persons who respond information contained required to respond undisplays a currently vanumber.	to the collecti in this form a nless the form	re not	EC 1474 (9-02)
	Table II - Derivative Securities Acqu (e.g., puts, calls, warrants,				

1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		4. Transactio	5. Number on Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired		
	Derivative				(A) or		
	Security				Disposed of		

(D)
(Instr. 3, 4,
and 5)

					and 5	)				
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 19.6						04/24/2003	04/23/2008	Common Stock	15,000
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 27.01						04/20/2004	04/19/2009	Common Stock	15,000
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	12/27/2007	M			2,000	04/24/2007	04/23/2012	Common Stock	15,000

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
LAROCHE RICHARD F JR 2103 SHANNON DRIVE MURFREESBORO, TN 37129	X							

# **Signatures**

Richard F.
LaRoche, Jr.

\*\*Signature of Reporting Date

\*\*Signature of Reporting
Person

## **Explanation of Responses:**

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

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