

ABERNATHY JAMES PAUL
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FORM 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
ABERNATHY JAMES PAUL

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)
2102 GREENLAND DRIVE

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/05/2013

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)

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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 or Price		
Shares of Common Stock	03/05/2013		S		237	D	\$ 48.36 0 ⁽¹⁾
Shares of Common Stock	03/05/2013		S		500	D	\$ 49.24 24,603
Shares of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock							12,388 D

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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. Pr Deri Secu (Inst
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 51.5					05/01/2008 05/01/2013	Common Stock	15,000
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 45.8					05/09/2011 05/08/2016	Common Stock	6,312
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 44.8					05/03/2012 05/02/2017	Common Stock	7,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

ABERNATHY JAMES PAUL
2102 GREENLAND DRIVE X
MURFREESBORO, TN 37130

Signatures

J. Paul Abernathy by Ann S. Benson,
P.O.A.

03/06/2013

**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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