

ADAMS W ANDREW  
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**FORM 5**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
ADAMS W ANDREW  
(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)  
12/31/2004

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)  
 Form Filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person

100 VINE ST., SUITE 1400  
(Street)

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

**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)	(A) Amount or (D) Price	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock - WAA	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	388	D	Â
Common Stock - AdamsMark L.P.	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	968,022	D	Â
Common Stock - Adams Childrens Trust	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	77,528	I	Trustee

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Common Stock  
- Adams Family Foundation II     ^                     ^                     ^                     ^                     ^                     35,407     I                     Trustee

Common Stock  
- Adams Grandchildren's Trust     ^                     ^                     ^                     ^                     ^                     2,307     I                     Trustee

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)
					(A) (D)	Date Exercisable     Expiration Date	Title     Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option - "Right to Buy"	\$ 20.9	^	^	^	^ ^	02/22/2009     03/23/2009	Common Stock     300,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ADAMS W ANDREW 100 VINE ST., SUITE 1400 MURFREESBORO, TN 37130	^ X	^	^	^

## Signatures

W. Andrew Adams                     01/11/2005

\*\*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).

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