

NATIONAL HEALTHCARE CORP  
 Form 4  
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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 \*  
 ADAMS W ANDREW

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)  
 750 S. CHURCH STREET, SUITE B  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 08/01/2006

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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) |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|   |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |   |
| Shares of Common Stock - WAA                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 388   | D  |   |
| Shares of Common Stock - AdamsMark L.P.         | 08/01/2006                           |  | M                              | 10,000 A  | \$ 20.9 978,022   | D  |   |
| Shares of Common Stock - Adams Children's Trust |                                      |  |                                |   | 77,528  | I  | Trustee   |

|  |        |   |         |
|--|--------|---|---------|
| Shares of<br>Common Stock<br>- Adams Family<br>Foundation II     | 35,407 | I | Trustee |
| Shares of<br>Common Stock<br>- Adams<br>Grandchildren's<br>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) |              |                      |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title        | Amount Number Shares |
| Employee Stock Option - "Right to Buy"     | \$ 20.9  | 08/01/2006                           |  | M                              | 10,000  | 12/09/2004   | 03/23/2010  | Common Stock | 300,000              |
| 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               |

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

ADAMS W ANDREW  
750 S. CHURCH STREET  
SUITE B  
MURFREESBORO, TN 37130

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## Signatures

W. Andrew  
Adams

08/01/2006

\_\_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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