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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

ABERNATHY JAMES PAUL			_	Symbol NATIONAL HEALTHCARE CORP [NHC]					Issuer (Check all applicable)				
(Last) (First) (Middle) 2102 GREENLAND DRIVE				Í	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/15/2014					_X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)			
(Street)					4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) 08/15/2014					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting			
MURFREESBORO, TN 37130									Person				
	(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I	- Non-Der	ivative Se	curiti	es Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
	1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	•		Executi any		3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi or(A) or Di (D) (Instr. 3,	ispose	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)	
	Shares of Common Stock	08/15/2014				Code V S	Amount 500	(D)	Price \$ 57.4	21,544	D		
	Shares of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock									12,388	D		

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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. oriNumber 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 II S (
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 45.8					05/09/2011	05/08/2016	Common Stock	3,583	
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 44.8					05/03/2012	05/02/2017	Common Stock	7,500	
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 47.45					05/08/2013	05/07/2018	Common Stock	7,500	
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 52.93					05/08/2014	05/07/2019	Common Stock	7,500	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
ABERNATHY JAMES PAUL 2102 GREENLAND DRIVE MURFREESBORO, TN 37130	X						

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Signatures

J. Paul Abernathy by Kathy T. Henderson, P.O.A. 08/18/2014

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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