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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

NATIONAL HEALTHCARE CORP

Form 4

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1(b).

Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * POWELL JULIA W			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NATIONAL HEALTHCARE CORP [NHC]				•	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) 3712 LASCA	` ,		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 03/10/2015					Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) Sr. V.P., Patient Services			
MUDEDEEC	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting			
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(City)	(State) (Z	iip)	Table 1	I - Non-De	rivative S	ecurit	ies Acqu	ired, Disposed of	or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution	emed on Date, if /Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securi on(A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose 4 and (A) or	d of (D)	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 in my name and my spouse's name	03/10/2015			M	2,141 (1)	A	\$ 46.69	107,713	D		
Shares of Series A Convertible Preferred								83,010	D		

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number out 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 or Number of Shares
Option to purchase Common Stock	\$ 46.69	03/10/2015		M		2,141	12/04/2012	02/29/2016	Common Stock	28,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
POWELL JULIA W			Sr. V.P.,					
3712 LASCASSAS PIKE			Patient					
MURFREESBORO, TN 37130			Services					

Signatures

Julia W. Powell by Kristina R. Hulsey, P.O.A. 03/10/2015

**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) These stock options were granted pursuant to the NHC 2010 Omnibus Equity Incentive Plan on March 1,2011. The grant and exercise of these stock options are exempt from Section 16(b) pursuant to Rule 16b-3(d).

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