#### **BURGESS ERNEST G III**

Form 4

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## FORM 4

#### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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See Instruction

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol NATIONAL HEALTHCARE CORP			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First) (M	[NHC] 3. Date	of Earliest Transa	action		_X_ Director		Owner
100 VINE STREET		`	(Month/Day/Year) 08/13/2018			Officer (give title Other (specify below)		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)		
MURFREE	SBORO, TN 3713	ondi/Day/Tear)			_X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip) Ta	ole I - Non-Deriv	vative Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year	Transaction(A) Code (In (Instr. 8)	Securities Ada or Dispose nstr. 3, 4 and (A) or mount (D)	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)	
Shares of Common Stock	08/13/2018		S 3,0	,000 D	\$ 73.31	96,171	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)

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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. conNumber 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 or Number of Shares
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 52.93					05/08/2014	05/07/2019	Common Stock	7,500
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 61.25					05/07/2015	05/06/2020	Common Stock	7,500
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 62.78					06/02/2016	06/01/2021	Common Stock	7,500
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 72.94					05/09/2017	05/08/2022	Common Stock	7,500
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 61.9					05/03/2018	05/02/2023	Common Stock	7,500

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	•	Other		
BURGESS ERNEST G III 100 VINE STREET MURFREESBORO, TN 37130	X					
Signatures						

## Signatures

/s/ Ernest G.
Burgess, III 08/20/2018

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\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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