

DANIEL DONALD K

Form 5

February 14, 2006

FORM 5**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL
OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
DANIEL DONALD K

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)

3. Statement of Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended
(Month/Day/Year)
12/31/2005

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)

Sr. Vice President, Controller

100 VINE ST., SUITE 1200

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting

(check applicable line)

MURFREESBORO, TN 37130

____X____ Form Filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form Filed by More than One Reporting
Person

(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)	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)
Shares of Common Stock	01/20/2006	Â	J	531 A	\$ 34.22	162,468 D	Â

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. 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	Â	Â	Â	Â Â	02/22/2009 03/23/2009	Common Stock 50,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
DANIEL DONALD K 100 VINE ST., SUITE 1200 MURFREESBORO, TN 37130	Â Â Â Sr. Vice President, Controller Â

Signatures

Donald K.
Daniel 02/14/2006

__Signature of
Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

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

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Remarks:

J:Â Â RuleÂ 16b-3(c)Â acquisitionÂ forÂ 2005Â PlanÂ Year,Â pursuantÂ toÂ theÂ NHCÂ EmployeeÂ StockÂ PurchaseÂ

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