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OMB APPROVAL UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **Ussery Robert Michael** Issuer Symbol NATIONAL HEALTHCARE CORP (Check all applicable) [NHC] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below) 100 VINE STREET 11/12/2018 President & COO (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) 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-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned Following (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Shares of Common Stock 11/12/2018 S 5,000 136,981 D owned by myself & spouse Shares of Common Stock 11/13/2018 S 257 D 136,724 (1) D 80.81 owned by myself &

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Shares of Common Stock in name of

child

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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 Conversion Security or Exercise (Instr. 3) Price of Derivative Security

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

Transaction Number Code of (Instr. 8) Derivative Securities

Code V (A) (D)

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8. Pr

Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)

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Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)

> Date Expiration Exercisable

Title

Amount or Number

Date of Shares

Option to

purchase common stock

\$72.94

02/09/2022 03/11/2022

Common Stock

67,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Ussery Robert Michael 100 VINE STREET MURFREESBORO, TN 37130

President & COO

Signatures

Reporting Person

/s/ R. Michael

11/13/2018 Ussery **Signature of Date

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- * 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) Total amount of "shares of common stock owned by myself & spouse" following transactions reported on this form.

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