

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

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**FORM 8-K  
CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 8, 2015 (October 7, 2015)**

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**NATIONAL HEALTHCARE CORPORATION**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**001-13489**  
(Commission File Number)

**52-2057472**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**100 Vine Street**  
**Murfreesboro, Tennessee**  
(Address of Principal Executive  
Offices)

**37130**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (615) 890-2020**

**Not Applicable**  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

On October 7, 2015, National HealthCare Corporation ("NHC") entered into a Credit Agreement (the "Credit Agreement") with Bank of America, N.A., as lender (the "Lender"). The Credit Agreement provides for a \$175,000,000 revolving credit facility (the "Credit Facility"), of which up to \$10,000,000 may be utilized for letters of credit.

The maturity date of the Credit Facility is October 7, 2020. The Credit Facility is available for general corporate purposes, including working capital and acquisitions. NHC is permitted, upon required notice to the lender, to prepay the loans outstanding under the Credit Facility at any time, without penalty. Loans bear interest at either (i) the Eurodollar rate plus 1.40% or (ii) the base rate.

NHC's obligations under the Credit Agreement are guaranteed by certain NHC subsidiaries and are secured by pledges by NHC and the guarantors of certain equity interests.

The Credit Agreement contains customary representations and warranties, financial covenants, and covenants that restrict, among other things, asset dispositions, mergers and acquisitions, dividends, restricted payments, debt, liens, investments and affiliate transactions. The Credit Agreement contains customary events of default.

A copy of the press release dated October 7, 2015 announcing Credit Agreement is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description of Exhibit</u>
99.1	Press Release dated October 7, 2015.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: October 8, 2015

NATIONAL HEALTHCARE CORPORATION

BY: /s/ Donald K. Daniel  
Name: Donald K. Daniel  
Title: SVP/Controller  
Principal Financial Officer