FORM 5

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[ ] **Form 3 Holdings Reported**

[ ] **Form 4 Transactions Reported**

ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* Donald K. Daniel 100 Vine St. Murfreesboro TN 37130	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol National HealthCare Corporation [NHC] 3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2016 4. If amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (check all applicable) ___ Director ___ 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below) formerly Sr.VP, Controller 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person ___ Form filed by More Than One Reporting Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans-action Date (mm/dd/yy)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (mm/dd/yy)	3. Trans-action Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, & 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3, & 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Shares of Common Stock							287,392 (1)	I	Partnership

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.
* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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Name and Address of Reporting Person
Donald K. Daniel
100 Vine St.
Murfreesboro TN 37130

Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
National HealthCare Corporation [NHC]

Period Of Report
12/31/2016

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 (mm/dd/yy)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (mm/dd/yy)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. No. of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, & 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (mm/dd/yy)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 & 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. No. of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned at End of Fiscal Year (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Securities: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				

Explanation of Responses:
(1) - Amount includes 406 shares which were acquired pursuant to the Employee Stock Purchase Plan for the Plan Year 2016.

By: /s/ Donald K. Daniel — 2/9/2017
**Signature of Reporting Person — Date

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See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
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