

FORM 5

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Form 3 Holdings Reported

Form 4 Transactions Reported

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* R. Michael Ussery 2508 Belfast Court Murfreesboro TN 37129	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol NationalHealthCare Corporation [NHC]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) President & COO (formerly COO)
	3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2016	
	4. If amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> 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 owned by myself & spouse	12/28/2016		G	135	D	\$0	0 (1)	D	
Shares of Common Stock owned by myself & spouse	12/30/2016		G	299	D	\$0	143,181 (2)	D	
Shares of Common Stock in name of child							48	D	

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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Form 5 (cont.)
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 R. Michael Ussery
 2508 Belfast Court
 Murfreesboro TN 37129

Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 NationalHealthCare 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) - Transaction totaled below
- (2) - Includes 211 shares acquired pursuant to the Employee Stock Purchase Plan for Plan Year 2016

By: /s/ R. Michael Ussery
 **Signature of Reporting Person

2/9/2017
 Date