

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

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): August 9, 2017 (August 3, 2017)

NATIONAL HEALTHCARE CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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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Item 8.01. Other Events.

On August 3, 2017, the Board of Directors authorized a new stock repurchase program. The program will allow for repurchases of up to \$25 million of its common stock. The new stock repurchase plan will begin September 1, 2017 and will expire on August 31, 2018. The stock repurchase plan replaces the stock repurchase plan previously approved by the Board of Directors on August 4, 2016. Repurchases may be made under the previous plan until August 31, 2017.

Under the stock repurchase program, the Company may repurchase its common stock from time to time, in amounts and at prices the Company deems appropriate, subject to market conditions and other considerations. The Company's repurchases may be executed using open market purchases, privately negotiated agreements or other transactions. The Company intends to fund repurchases under the new stock repurchase program from cash on hand, available borrowings or proceeds from potential debt or other capital market sources. The stock repurchase program may be suspended or discontinued at any time without prior notice. The Company will provide an update regarding any purchases made pursuant to the stock repurchase program each time it reports its results of operations.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description of Exhibit</u>
99.1	Copy of press release issued on August 9, 2017 by National HealthCare Corporation announcing a new stock repurchase program.

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: August 9, 2017

NATIONAL HEALTHCARE CORPORATION

By: /s/ Brian F. Kidd
Name: Brian F. Kidd
Title: Senior VP/Controller
Principal Accounting Officer