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**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): May 10, 2011**

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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 (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.07. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders**

The Annual Meeting of Shareholders of National HealthCare Corporation was held on May 9, 2011. The following is a summary of the matters voted upon and approved by the Company's shareholders at the Annual Meeting:

**Proposal I:** The reelections of W. Andrew Adams, Ernest G. Burgess, III, and Emil E. Hassan as directors for terms of three years or until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

	<u>For</u>	<u>Withheld</u>
W. Andrew Adams	18,141,741	139,767
Ernest G. Burgess, III	14,601,778	3,679,730
Emil E. Hassan	18,150,171	131,337

**Proposal II:** Advisory vote on compensation of our named executive officers.

<u>For</u>	<u>Against</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
16,994,381	157,511	1,129,616

**Proposal III:** Advisory vote on the frequency of advisory vote on compensation.

<u>3 Years</u>	<u>2 Years</u>	<u>1 Year</u>	<u>Abstain</u>
10,088,470	82,485	8,053,690	56,863

Based on the Board of Directors' recommendation in the Proxy Statement and the voting results with respect to the advisory vote on the frequency of future advisory votes on executive compensation, the Company has adopted a policy to hold an advisory vote on executive compensation every three years.

**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: May 10, 2011

NATIONAL HEALTHCARE CORPORATION

By: /s/ Robert G. Adams  
Name: Robert G. Adams  
Title: Chief Executive Officer