

# 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* D. Gerald Coggin 1942 Dilton-Mankin Road Murfreesboro TN 37127	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol National HealthCare Corporation [NHC]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (check all applicable) ___ Director ___ 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)  SVP, Ancillary Serv & Corp Rel
	3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2011	
	4. If amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	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 in my name and my spouse's name	12/27/2011		G	5,548	D	\$0	334,382 (1)	D	
Shares of Common Stock in Trust							1,937	I	Trustee of Estate Trust
Shares of Common Stock							12,136	I	Family Partnership
Shares of Common Stock							104	I	Family Partnership
Shares of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock							63,181	D	
Shares of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock held in Trust							3,500	I	Trustee of Estate Trust

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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 D. Gerald Coggin  
 1942 Dilton-Mankin Road  
 Murfreesboro TN 37127

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

Period Of Report  
 12/31/2011

**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				
Option to purchase Common Stock	\$46.69						01/31/2016	02/29/2016	Common Stock	40,000		40,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

(1) - Includes 31 shares acquired pursuant to Employee Stock Purchase Plan, 2011 Plan Year.

By: D. Gerald Coggin  
 \*\*Signature of Reporting Person

2/6/2012  
 Date

\*\*Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.

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

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