

**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): August 5, 2013 (August 1, 2013)**

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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 (17CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On August 1, 2013, the Board of Directors of the Company approved a \$25 million stock repurchase program. Under the new stock repurchase program, the Company may repurchase up to \$25 million of its common stock over a one year period. The plan expires on July 31, 2014. 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 repurchase may be executed using open market purchases, privately negotiated agreements or other transactions. The repurchases will be funded from cash on hand, available borrowings or proceeds from potential debt or other capital markets sources. The stock repurchase program may be suspended or discontinued at any time without prior notice.

**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 5, 2013 by National HealthCare Corporation announcing a \$25 million 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 5, 2013

NATIONAL HEALTHCARE CORPORATION

By: /s/ Donald K. Daniel  
Name: Donald K. Daniel  
Title: Senior VP/Controller  
Principal Accounting Officer