

TUCKER LAWRENCE C
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 TUCKER LAWRENCE C

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 NATIONAL HEALTHCARE CORP
 [NHC]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 05/12/2005

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

C/O BROWN BROTHERS
 HARRIMAN ("BBH"), 140
 BROADWAY

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

NEW YORK, NY 10005-1101

(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Shares of Common Stock					690,155 ⁽¹⁾	I	The 1818 Fund II, L.P.
Shares of Common Stock	05/12/2005		M	10,000 A \$ 4.75	20,000	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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 (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 4.75	05/12/2005		M	10,000	05/24/2000	05/23/2005	Common Stock	10,000
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 10.4					04/26/2001	04/25/2006	Common Stock	10,000
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 17.25					04/16/2002	04/15/2007	Common Stock	10,000
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 19.6					04/24/2003	04/23/2008	Common Stock	15,000
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 27.01					04/20/2004	04/19/2009	Common Stock	15,000
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 32.01					05/03/2005	05/02/2010	Common Stock	15,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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TUCKER LAWRENCE C
C/O BROWN BROTHERS HARRIMAN ("BBH")
140 BROADWAY
NEW YORK, NY 10005-1101

Signatures

Lawrence C. 05/12/2005
Tucker

 Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The securities are owned by The 1818 Fund II, L.P. Tucker is a general partner of BBH, the general partner of The 1818 Fund II, L.P., and, as such, his pecuniary interest in the securities is limited to his percentage interest in BBH's interest in such securities.

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