

NATIONAL HEALTHCARE CORP  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
 LAROCHE RICHARD F JR

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)  
 2103 SHANNON DRIVE  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 05/07/2015

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

MURFREESBORO, TN 37129  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

**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) Code V Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock, Family LP (BFLP)					29,523	I	General Partner
Common Stock - Fam. Partnership (LR Ent.)					31,698	D	
Common Stock - Fam. Partnership (LFLP)					96,000	I	General Partner

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Common Stock - Held in my name or my wife's name	172,220	D	
Shares of Series A Conv. Preferred Stock -(BFLP)	96,534	I	General Partner
Shares of Series A Conv. Preferred Stock (LR Ent.)	375,602	D	
Shares of Series A Conv. Preferred Stock- (LFLP)	425	I	General Partner
Shares of Series A Conv. Preferred Stock-Family Foundation	8,500	I	Trustee

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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Option to Purchase Common	\$ 45.8			V	(A) (D)	05/09/2011 05/08/2016	Common Stock	7,500

Stock									
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 44.8					05/03/2012	05/02/2017	Common Stock	7,500
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 47.45					05/08/2013	05/07/2018	Common Stock	7,500
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 52.93					05/08/2014	05/07/2019	Common Stock	7,500
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 61.25	05/07/2015		A	<u>7,500</u> <sup>(1)</sup>	05/07/2015	05/06/2020	Common Stock	7,500

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
LAROCHE RICHARD F JR 2103 SHANNON DRIVE MURFREESBORO, TN 37129		X		

## Signatures

Richard F. LaRoche, Jr. by Kristina Hulsey,  
P.O.A. 05/08/2015

\*\*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) This stock option was granted pursuant to the Company's 2005 Stock Option Plan on May 7, 2015. The grant and exercise of this stock option are exempt from Section 16(b) pursuant to Rule 16b-3(d).

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