

LAROCHE RICHARD F JR
Form 4
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
04/30/2009

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

2103 SHANNON DRIVE

(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

MURFREESBORO, TN 37129

(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V Amount (A) or (D) Price | | | |
| Common Stock, held in trust, subject to life estate | | | | | 29,523 | I | Remainder in GRAT |
| Common Stock - IRA | | | | | 1,038 | D | |
| Common Stock - Held in my name or my wife's name | 04/30/2009 | | M | 10,000 (1) A \$ 27.01 | 17,000 | D | |
| | | | | | 255,152 | D | |

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|--|--|---------|---|--|------------------------------------|--|
| Common Stock - Partnership | | | | | | |
| Common Stock - Family Partnership | | 23,638 | I | | Family Partnership | |
| Common Stock - Family Foundation | | 8,635 | I | | Trustee of Family Foundation | |
| Shares of Series A Conv. Preferred Stock by Trustee of GRAT | | 31,523 | I | | Remain. in GRAT | |
| Shares of Series A Conv. Preferred Stock - IRA | | 1,921 | D | | | |
| Shares of Series A Conv. Preferred Stock - LaRoche Family LP | | 12,113 | I | | Family Partnership | |
| Shares of Series A Conv. Preferred Stock-LaRoche Enterprises | | 330,202 | D | | | |
| Shares of Series A Conv. Preferred Stock-Family Foundation | | 10,480 | I | | Trustee of Family Foundation | |

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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
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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 originally granted pursuant to the Company's 2002 Stock Option Plan on April 20, 2004 and expired on April 19, 2009. The Reporting Person inadvertently failed to exercise the option prior to such expiration. The Company elected to amend the option to extend the expiration date to May 30, 2009. This amendment may be deemed the grant of a new option. The grant and exercise of these stock options are exempt from Section 16(b) pursuant to Rule 16b-3(d).

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