

LAROCHE RICHARD F JR
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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)
 MURFREESBORO, TN 37129
 (City) (State) (Zip)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 04/24/2013
 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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		
Common Stock, Family LP (BFLP)					29,523	I	General Partner
Common Stock - Fam. Partnership (LR Ent.)					31,698	D	
Common Stock - Fam. Partnership (LFLP)					100,000	I	General Partner

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Common Stock - Held in my name or my wife's name	04/24/2013	M	4,000 <u>(1)</u>	A	\$ 37.7	168,220	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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Option to Purchase Common	\$ 51.5					05/01/2008 05/01/2013	Common Stock 15,000

Stock									
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 37.7	04/24/2013	M	4,000	05/05/2009	05/04/2014	Common Stock	8,000	
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 45.8				05/09/2011	05/08/2016	Common Stock	7,500	
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 44.8				05/03/2012	05/02/2017	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 Ann S. Benson,
P.O.A. 04/24/2013

__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) These stock options were granted pursuant to the Company's Stock Option Plan on May 5, 2009. The grant and exercise of these stock options are exempt from Section 16(b) pursuant to Rule 16b-3(d).

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