

TUCKER LAWRENCE C  
 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 \*  
 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)  
 140 BROADWAY  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 03/23/2010

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

NEW YORK, NY 10005  
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				(A) or (D)	Price				
				Code	V	Amount			
Shares of Common Stock	03/23/2010		S	7,700	D	\$ 35.5326	482,800 <sup>(1)</sup>	I	The 1818 Fund II, L.P.
Shares of Common Stock							85,000	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)	8. Pr Deri Secu (Inst	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 44.25					05/03/2006	05/02/2011	Common Stock	15,000
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 52.5					04/24/2007	04/23/2012	Common Stock	15,000
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 51.5					05/01/2008	04/30/2013	Common Stock	15,000
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 37.7					05/05/2009	05/04/2014	Common Stock	15,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
TUCKER LAWRENCE C 140 BROADWAY NEW YORK, NY 10005	X			

## Signatures

Lawrence C. Tucker by Ann S. Benson,  
P.O.A. 03/24/2010

\_\_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).

The securities are owned by The 1818 Fund II, L.P. Mr. Tucker is a general partner of Brown Brothers Harriman, the general partner of

(1) The 1818 Fund II, L.P., and, as such, his pecuniary interest in the securities is limited to his percentage interest in Brown Brothers Harriman's interest in such securities.

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