

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 12/31/2007

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

(Street)
 NEW YORK, NY 10005-1101

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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)
Shares of Common Stock				(A) or (D)			The 1818 Fund II, L.P.
Shares of Common Stock	12/31/2007		M	5,102 A	\$ 19.6 0 (2)	D	
Shares of Common Stock	01/02/2008		M	9,898 A	\$ 19.6 55,000	D	

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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 Stock	\$ 19.6	12/31/2007		M	5,102	04/24/2003 04/23/2008	Common Stock 15,000
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 19.6	01/02/2008		M	9,898	04/24/2003 04/23/2008	Common Stock 9,898
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
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

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
TUCKER LAWRENCE C C/O BROWN BROTHERS HARRIMAN ("BBH") 140 BROADWAY NEW YORK, NY 10005-1101	X			

Signatures

Lawrence C. Tucker	01/02/2008
**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.
- (2) The total is on the next line with the completion of the transaction.

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