

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 01/19/2010

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

NEW YORK, NY 10005-1101  
 (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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Shares of Common Stock          | 01/19/2010                           |  | S                              | 30,100 D  | \$ 37.5007 561,000 <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. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |                            |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---|----------------------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | (A)  | (D)   | 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   | 05/01/2013  | 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<br>C/O BROWN BROTHERS HARRIMAN ("BBH")<br>140 BROADWAY<br>NEW YORK, NY 10005-1101 | X             |           |         |       |

## Signatures

Lawrence C. Tucker by Ann S. Benson,  
POA

01/19/2010

\_\_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).

- (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.

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