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#### **OMB APPROVAL** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION **OMB** 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \* 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **BATEY JOANNE M** Issuer Symbol NATIONAL HEALTHCARE CORP (Check all applicable) [NHC] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction Director 10% Owner \_X\_\_ Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) 9165 BIG SPRINGS ROAD 11/09/2007 Sr. Vice President, Homecare (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting CHRISTIANA, TN 37037 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (D) Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficial Owned Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (D) or Following Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Reported (Instr. 4) (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Shares of Common Stock in my 11/09/2007 M 72.218 D name and my spouse's name Shares of Series A Convertible 49,288 D Preferred

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on f Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amoun Underlying Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Sh
Employee Stock Option-"Right to Buy"	\$ 20.9	11/09/2007		M	8,650	12/20/2006	03/23/2009	Common Stock	31,2

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
<b>F</b>	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
BATEY JOANNE M			Sr. Vice				
9165 BIG SPRINGS ROAD			President,				
CHRISTIANA, TN 37037			Homecare				

### **Signatures**

Joanne M. Batey by Ann S. Benson, POA

11/14/2007

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

Date

# **Explanation of Responses:**

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
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