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1(b).

Stock

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading HASSAN EMIL E Issuer Symbol NATIONAL HEALTHCARE CORP (Check all applicable) [NHC] (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction _X__ Director 10% Owner _ Other (specify Officer (give title (Month/Day/Year) below) 100 VINE STREET 11/26/2018 (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 Person

MURFREESBORO, TN 37130

| (City) | (State) (| Zip) Table | e I - Non-D | erivative | Secur | ities Acq | uired, Disposed of | f, or Beneficial | y 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 on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership | |
| | | (monta Day, 1 car) | Code V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | (Instr. 4) | (Instr. 4) |
| Shares of Common | 11/26/2018 | | M | 7,500 ₍₁₎ | A | \$ 52.93 | 58,009 | 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)

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| 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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8) | Secu Acqu (A) o Disp (D) | orities aired or osed of r. 3, 4, | 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 | \$ 52.93 | 11/26/2018 | | M | | 7,500 | 05/08/2014(2) | 05/07/2019 | Common Stock | 7,500 |
| Option to Purchase Common Stock | \$ 61.25 | | | | | | 05/07/2015 <u>(2)</u> | 05/06/2020 | Common Stock | 7,500 |
| Option to Purchase Common Stock | \$ 62.78 | | | | | | 06/02/2016 <u>(2)</u> | 06/01/2021 | Common Stock | 7,500 |
| Option to Purchase Common Stock | \$ 72.94 | | | | | | 05/09/2017(2) | 05/08/2022 | Common Stock | 7,500 |
| Option to Purchase Common Stock | \$ 61.9 | | | | | | 05/03/2018(2) | 05/02/2023 | Common Stock | 7,500 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|------------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| rioporting o where remaining remaining | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| HASSAN EMIL E 100 VINE STREET MURFREESBORO, TN 37130 | X | | | | | | |
| Signatures | | | | | | | |
| /s/ Emil E. Hassan by Kristina R P.O.A. | | 11/28/2018 | | | | | |
| **Signature of Reporting Perso | | Date | | | | | |

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- * 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 2005 Stock Option Plan on May 8, 2014. The grant and exercise of these stock options are exempt from Section 16(b) pursuant to Rule 16b-3(d).
- (2) This option was amended November 8, 2018.

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