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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

ADAMS W ANDREW			Symbol					Issuer				
			NATIONAL [NHC]	NATIONAL HEALTHCARE CORP [NHC]					(Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)		3. Date of Earliest Transaction				X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify				
750 S. CHURCH B	H STREET	, SUITE	(Month/Day/Ye 08/01/2006	ear)			belo	w)	below)			
((Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person				
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(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - N	Non-Deriva	tive Securi	ities A	cquirec	l, Disposed of, or	r Beneficially	Owned		
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	(Month/Day/Year) Ex		xecution Date, if	3. 4. Securities Acqui Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)						7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
				Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)	(msu. +)			
Shares of Common Stock - WAA								388	D			
Shares of Common Stock - AdamsMark L.P.	08/01/20	06		M	10,000	A	\$ 20.9	978,022	D			
Shares of Common Stock - Adams Children's Trust								77,528	I	Trustee		

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Shares of			
Common Stock	35,407	I	Trustee
- Adams Family	33,407	1	Trustee
Foundation II			
Shares of			
Common Stock			
- Adams	2,307	I	Trustee
Grandchildren's			
Trust			

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed

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5. Number of 6. Date Exercisable and

7. Title and Amount of

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Employee Stock Option - "Right to Buy"	\$ 20.9	08/01/2006		M		10,000	12/09/2004	03/23/2010	Common Stock	300,00
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 32.01						05/03/2005	05/02/2010	Common Stock	15,000
Option to Purchase Common	\$ 44.25						05/03/2006	05/02/2011	Common Stock	15,000

Reporting Owners

Stock

1. Title of

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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ADAMS W ANDREW
750 S. CHURCH STREET
SUITE B
MURFREESBORO, TN 37130

Signatures

W. Andrew 08/01/2006 Adams

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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).

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