NATIONAL HEALTHCARE CORP Form 8-K November 06, 2013

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

| Washington, D.C. 20549 |
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FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): November 6, 2013 (November 5, 2013)

NATIONAL HEALTHCARE CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 001-13489 52-2057472

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

| 100 Vine Street | 37130 |
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| Murfreesboro, Tennessee | (Zip Code) |
| (Address of Principal Executive Offices) | |
| Registrant's telephone number, | including area code: (615) 890-2020 |
| Not A | pplicable |
| (Former name or former add | ress, if changed since last report) |
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Item 2.02.

Results of Operations and Financial Condition

National HealthCare Corporation ("NHC") issued a press release on November 5, 2013 announcing its September 30, 2013 earnings. The entire press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 8.01.

Other Events.

NHC issued a press release on November 5, 2013 announcing its preferred and common dividends. The entire press release is attached as Exhibit 99.2 and is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01.

Financial Statements and Exhibits.

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Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Description of Exhibit

99.1 Copy of press release issued on November 5, 2013 by National HealthCare

Corporation announcing September 30, 2013 earnings

99.2 Copy of press release issued on November 5, 2013 by National HealthCare

Corporation announcing preferred and common dividends

SIGNATURES

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Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date:

November 6, 2013

NATIONAL HEALTHCARE CORPORATION

By: /s/ Donald K. Daniel

Name: Donald K. Daniel

Title: Senior VP/Controller

Principal Accounting Officer