

NATIONAL HEALTHCARE CORP  
Form 8-K  
December 28, 2005

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**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): December 27, 2005 (December 27, 2005)

**National HealthCare Corporation**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State of Incorporation)

001-13489  
(Commission File No.)

52-2057472  
(IRS Employer  
Identification Number)

100 Vine Street  
Murfreesboro, TN 37130  
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(615) 890-2020  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

**Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement**

On December 27, 2005, National HealthCare Corporation reported that it reached an agreement with National Health Investors, Inc. ("NHI") to extend its lease on 41 properties through December 31, 2021.

The 15-year lease extension begins January 1, 2007, and includes three additional five-year renewal options, each at fair market value. Under the terms of the extended lease, base rent paid to NHI for 2007 will total \$33,700,000 with rent thereafter escalating by 4% of the increase in facility revenue over a 2007 base year.

A copy of the press release is filed as Exhibit 99 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated by reference herein.

**SIGNATURES**

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

National HealthCare Corporation

By: /s/ Robert G. Adams

Name: Robert G. Adams

Title: President

Date: December 27, 2005

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**Exhibit**

Press release, dated December 27, 2005