

NATIONAL HEALTHCARE CORP

Form 8-K

October 14, 2009

UNITED STATES

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): October 14, 2009

NATIONAL HEALTHCARE CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction

of incorporation)

001-13489

(Commission File Number)

52-2057472

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

100 Vine Street
Murfreesboro, Tennessee **37130**
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

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

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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 - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01.

Other Events.

National HealthCare Corporation (NHC) issued a press release on October 14, 2009 announcing that the NHC Geriatric Clinical Residency Program for Physical Therapists has successfully received accreditation through the American Physical Therapy Association. The entire press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01.

Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d)

Exhibits.

| <u>Exhibit No.</u> | <u>Description of Exhibit</u> |
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| 99.1 | Copy of press release issued on October 14, 2009 by National HealthCare Corporation |

SIGNATURES

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:

October 14, 2009

NATIONAL HEALTHCARE CORPORATION

By: /s/ Robert G. Adams

Name: Robert G. Adams

Title: Chief Executive Officer

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