

NATIONAL HEALTHCARE CORP  
Form 8-K  
January 22, 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): January 22, 2013 (January 16, 2013)

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NATIONAL HEALTHCARE CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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Delaware

001-13489

52-2057472

(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

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

100 Vine Street

37130

Murfreesboro, Tennessee

(Zip Code)

(Address of Principal Executive  
Offices)

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

Not Applicable

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

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

Other Events.

On January 16, 2013, National HealthCare Corporation (the "Company") received notice that the receiver of ElderTrust of Florida, Inc., a Tennessee non-profit corporation which we provide management services for, had filed a lawsuit against the Company and another party in the Chancery Court of Davidson County, Tennessee (Case No. 13-0060-IV). The complaint primarily asserts that the Company and another party caused ElderTrust to enter into transactions on adverse terms.

The Company adamantly denies the claims made by ElderTrust and intends to vigorously defend against its complaint.

#### 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:

January 22, 2013

NATIONAL HEALTHCARE CORPORATION

By: /s/ John K. Lines

Name: John K. Lines

Title: Senior Vice President

General Counsel