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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1 Name and Address of Departing D

07/14/2011

Stock

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HILGER JAMES K | | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol DAVITA INC [DVA] | | | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|-----------------------|---|---|-------------------------|------------------------------|--|--|--|---|--|
| | (Last) C/O DAVI WEWATT | TA INC., 1551 | (Middle) | | f Earliest T Day/Year) 1011 | ransaction | ı | _ | Director _X_ Officer (give pelow) | 10% | Owner er (specify | |
| (Street) | | | | , | | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | | |
| | DENVER, | CO 80202 | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | | | Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | | |
| | (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Tab | le I - Non-l | Derivative | e Secu | rities Acqu | ired, Disposed of, | or Beneficial | ly Owned | |
| | 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Dat (Month/Day/Year) | | Date, if | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | omr Dispo (Instr. 3, | sed of 4 and (A) or | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | Common Stock | 07/14/2011 | | | M | 2,500 | A | \$ 52.12 | 9,425 | D | | |
| | Common Stock | 07/14/2011 | | | F | 1,495 | D | \$ 87.19 | 7,930 | D | | |
| | Common | 07/14/2011 | | | S (1) | 1 005 | D | \$ 87 3521 | 6 925 | D | | |

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

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1,005

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

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number on Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) | 6. Date Exercisab Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year | | 7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and | Securi |
|---|---|---|---|--|--|---|--------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Ame or Nur of Sha |
| Stock Appreciation Right | \$ 52.12 | 07/14/2011 | | M | 2,500 | 03/14/2008(3) | 03/14/2012 | Common Stock | 2,5 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

HILGER JAMES K C/O DAVITA INC. 1551 WEWATTA ST. DENVER, CO 80202

Chief Accounting Officer

Signatures

/s/ Kim M. Rivera Attorney-in-Fact

07/18/2011

**Signature of 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).
- The sales reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on May 6, 2011
- The range of prices for the sale of these shares was \$87.35 \$87.37. The filer undertakes to provide staff, the issuer, or a security holder full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- Stock Appreciation Right, pursuant to the DaVita Inc. 2002 Equity Compensation Plan (as amended and restated, the "DaVita Inc. (3) 2011 Incentive Award Plan", effective June 6, 2011), which vested 25% on the first anniversary of the grant date, 8.33% on the 20th month following the grant date, and 8.33% every four months thereafter.

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