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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and A Rivera Kim	•	rting Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol DAVITA INC [DVA]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
1551 WEW	ATTA ST.		(Month/Day/Year) 02/18/2011	Director 10% Owner _X Officer (give title Other (specify below) VP, Gen. Counsel & Secretary			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person			
DENVER, CO 80202				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acc	quired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned			

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1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)		sed of	` '	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
					(A)		Reported Transaction(s)	(I) (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)	(111311. 1)	
Common Stock	02/18/2011		M	7,500	A	\$ 61	12,500	D	
Common Stock	02/18/2011		F	5,716	D	\$ 80.04	6,784	D	
Common Stock	02/18/2011		S	1,784	D	\$ 79.9562	5,000	D	

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

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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 f Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amor Underlying Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Am or Nu of Sha
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 61	02/18/2010		M	7,500	01/08/2011(2)	01/08/2015	Common Stock	7,

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Rivera Kim M

1551 WEWATTA ST. VP, Gen. Counsel & Secretary

DENVER, CO 80202

Signatures

/s/ James K. Hilger Attorney-in-Fact 02/23/2011

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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).
- (1) The range of prices for the sale of these shares was \$79.92 \$80.04. The filer undertakes to provide staff, the issuer, or a security holder full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- (2) Stock Appreciation Right, pursuant to the 2002 Equity Compensation Plan, which vest 25% on the first anniversary of the grant date, 8.33% on the 20th month following the grant date, and 8.33% every 4 months thereafter.

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