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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Shapiro David T

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 C/O DAVITA INC., 2000 16TH STREET
 (Street)

DENVER, CO 80202

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 DAVITA INC [DVA]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 09/06/2012

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Chief Compliance Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 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) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or Price | | |
| Common Stock | 09/06/2012 | | M | | 4,167 A \$ 42.48 | 9,074 | D |
| Common Stock | 09/06/2012 | | F | | 1,766 D \$ 100.29 | 7,308 | D |
| Common Stock | 09/06/2012 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | | 2,401 D \$ 100.41 | 4,907 | D |
| Common Stock | 09/06/2012 | | M | | 19,292 A \$ 46.26 | 24,199 | D |
| Common Stock | 09/06/2012 | | F | | 8,899 D \$ 100.29 | 15,300 | D |

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|--------------|------------|------------------|--------|---|-----------|--------|---|
| Common Stock | 09/06/2012 | S ⁽¹⁾ | 10,393 | D | \$ 100.41 | 4,907 | D |
| Common Stock | 09/06/2012 | M | 6,250 | A | \$ 63.4 | 11,157 | D |
| Common Stock | 09/06/2012 | F | 3,952 | D | \$ 100.29 | 7,205 | D |
| Common Stock | 09/06/2012 | S ⁽¹⁾ | 2,298 | D | \$ 100.41 | 4,907 | 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Underlying Securities |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|
| Stock Appreciation Right | \$ 42.48 | 09/06/2012 | | M | 4,167 | 03/17/2009 ⁽²⁾ 03/17/2013 | Common Stock | 4 |
| Stock Appreciation Right | \$ 46.26 | 09/06/2012 | | M | 19,292 | 03/02/2010 ⁽²⁾ 03/02/2014 | Common Stock | 19 |
| Stock Appreciation Right | \$ 63.4 | 09/06/2012 | | M | 6,250 | 03/31/2012 ⁽³⁾ 03/31/2015 | Common Stock | 6 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships |
|--|---|
| Shapiro David T C/O DAVITA INC. 2000 16TH STREET | Director 10% Owner Officer Chief Compliance Officer Other |

DENVER, CO 80202

Signatures

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

09/10/2012

__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 sales reported on this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on 9/16/2011.
Stock Appreciation Right, pursuant to the DaVita Inc. 2002 Equity Compensation Plan, (as amended and restated, the "DaVita Inc. 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.
- (2) Incentive Award Plan, pursuant to the DaVita Inc. 2002 Equity Compensation Plan, (as amended and restated, the "DaVita Inc. 2011 Incentive Award Plan," effective June 6, 2011), which vested 25% on the second anniversary of the grant date, and 8.33% every 3 months thereafter.
- (3) Incentive Award Plan, pursuant to the DaVita Inc. 2002 Equity Compensation Plan, (as amended and restated, the "DaVita Inc. 2011 Incentive Award Plan," effective June 6, 2011), which vested 25% on the second anniversary of the grant date, and 8.33% every 3 months thereafter.

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