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FORM 4

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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., 1551
 WEWATTA 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)
 02/16/2012

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	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	02/16/2012		M		833	A	\$ 42.48
Common Stock	02/16/2012		F		442	D	\$ 85.89
Common Stock	02/16/2012		S ⁽¹⁾		391	D	\$ 85.75
Common Stock	02/16/2012		M		8,458	A	\$ 46.26
Common Stock	02/16/2012		F		4,556	D	\$ 85.89

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Common Stock 02/16/2012 S⁽¹⁾ 3,902 D \$ 85.75 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)
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 42.48	02/16/2012		M	833	03/17/2009 ⁽²⁾ 03/17/2013	Common Stock 8
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 46.26	02/16/2012		M	8,548	03/02/2010 ⁽²⁾ 03/02/2014	Common Stock 8,4

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Shapiro David T C/O DAVITA INC. 1551 WEWATTA STREET DENVER, CO 80202			Chief Compliance Officer	

Signatures

/s/ Kim M. Rivera 02/17/2012
Attorney-in-Fact

**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 2002 Equity Compensation Plan (as amended and restated, the "DaVita Inc. 2011 Incentive

(2) Award Plan", effective June 6, 2011), which vests 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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