

Rivera Kim M
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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 *
Rivera Kim M

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)
601 HAWAII ST

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/08/2010

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
VP, Gen. Counsel & Secretary

EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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)
				(A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	01/08/2010		A ⁽¹⁾	5,000 A \$ 0	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)

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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	\$ 61	01/08/2010		A	60,000	01/08/2011 ⁽²⁾ 01/08/2015	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Rivera Kim M 601 HAWAII ST EL SEGUNDO, CA 90245			VP, Gen. Counsel & Secretary	

Signatures

/s/ Corinna B. Polk
Attorney-in-Fact

01/12/2010

**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) Grant of restricted stock units, pursuant to Issuer's 2002 Equity Compensation Plan, that vests 25% on the first anniversary of the grant date, 11.11% on the 40th month following the grant date, and 11.11% every four months thereafter until fully-vested.
- Grant of stock-settled stock appreciation rights, pursuant to Issuer's 2002 Equity Compensation Plan, that vests 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 until fully-vested.
- (2)

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