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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>HEARTY JAMES O</u> <hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle) C/O DAVITA INC. 2000 16TH STREET <hr/> (Street) DENVER CO 80202 <hr/> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 03/31/2018	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>DAVITA INC. [ DVA ]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Chief Compliance Officer</u>	5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) <hr/> 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	997	D	

**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date				
Restricted Stock Units	05/15/2018	07/24/2019	Common Stock	450	0.0	D
Restricted Stock Units	06/02/2018 <sup>(1)</sup>	09/02/2020	Common Stock	746	0.0	D
Restricted Stock Units	05/15/2019 <sup>(2)</sup>	08/13/2021	Common Stock	827	0.0	D
Restricted Stock Units	05/15/2020 <sup>(3)</sup>	09/06/2022	Common Stock	457	0.0	D
Stock Appreciation Rights	04/24/2018 <sup>(4)</sup>	04/24/2019	Common Stock	3,601	69.38	D
Stock Appreciation Rights	05/13/2019 <sup>(5)</sup>	05/13/2021	Common Stock	3,308	75.42	D
Stock Appreciation Rights	05/15/2020 <sup>(6)</sup>	06/06/2022	Common Stock	2,283	65.48	D

**Explanation of Responses:**

- These restricted stock units are scheduled to vest 50% each on 6/2/2018 and 6/2/2019, subject to continued service through each applicable vesting date.
- These restricted stock units are scheduled to vest 50% each on 5/15/2019 and 5/15/2020, subject to continued service through each applicable vesting date.
- These restricted stock units are scheduled to vest 50% each on 5/15/2020 and 5/15/2021, subject to continued service through each applicable vesting date.
- The Stock Appreciation Rights were granted on 4/24/2014. 50% vested on 4/24/2017 and the remaining 50% will vest on 4/24/2018.
- The Stock Appreciation Rights were granted on 5/13/2016. 50% will vest on 5/13/2019 and the remaining 50% will vest on 5/13/2020.
- The Stock Appreciation Rights were granted on 6/6/2017. 50% will vest on 5/15/2020 and the remaining 50% will vest on 5/15/2021.

**Remarks:**

/s/ Arturo Sida, Attorney-in-Fact 04/10/2018

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person Date

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

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 5 (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).

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