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

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**Form 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**  
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

**Date of Report (date of earliest event reported): February 1, 2018**

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**DAVITA INC.**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or other  
jurisdiction of incorporation)

**1-14106**  
(Commission File Number)

**No. 51-0354549**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**2000 16<sup>th</sup> Street**  
**Denver, CO 80202**  
(Address of principal executive offices including Zip Code)

**(303) 405-2100**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**Not applicable**  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers**

(b) On February 1, 2018, Carol Anthony (John) Davidson, a member of the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of DaVita Inc. (the “Company”) since 2010, notified the Company that he plans to retire from the Board on March 1, 2018. Mr. Davidson’s decision to retire was not due to any disagreement with the Company.

Also on February 1, 2018, the Board adopted resolutions that provide that the size of the Board will be reduced from eleven to ten members, effective upon Mr. Davidson’s retirement.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Date: February 7, 2018

DAVITA INC.

/s/ Kathleen Waters

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Kathleen Waters

Chief Legal Officer