

MASCHMEIER STEPHANIE
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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 *
 MASCHMEIER STEPHANIE

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 11465 JOHNS CREEK PARKWAY,
 SUITE 400

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 02/02/2012

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 Controller

(Street)
 JOHNS CREEK, GA 30097

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | Code | V | Amount (A) or (D) Price | | |
| Common Stock | 02/02/2012 | | A | | 1,749 \$ 16.5 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/02/2012 | | F | | 642 (5) \$ 16.5 | 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|-----|---|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 16.5 | 02/02/2012 | | A | | 4,750 | | 02/02/2015 | 02/02/2019 | Common Stock | 4,750 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 12.1 | | | | | | | 02/02/2013 | 02/01/2017 | Common Stock | 3,720 |
| Phantom Stock | <u>(3)</u> | | | | | | | <u>(1)</u> | <u>(2)</u> | Common Stock | 4,482.579 <u>(3)</u> |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 11.96 | | | | | | | 02/03/2012 | 02/02/2016 | Common Stock | 3,730 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 16.39 | | | | | | | 05/02/2014 | 05/01/2018 | Common Stock | 3,290 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|------------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| MASCHMEIER STEPHANIE 11465 JOHNS CREEK PARKWAY, SUITE 400 JOHNS CREEK, GA 30097 | | | | Controller |

Signatures

/s/ Stephanie R.
Maschmeier

02/03/2012

**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) Immediate

(2) The shares of phantom stock become payable, in stock, upon reporting person's termination of service as an employee

(3) Conversion rate of this derivative security on February 2, 2012 is 0.8512 resulting in 3,815.46 shares of common stock (underlying security in column 7).

(4) Issuance of Performance Unit Awards under the Amended and Restated 2003 Omnibus Incentive Plan for the 2009-2011 performance period.

(5) Shares withheld at officer's election to cover tax liabilities incurred upon the issuance of Performance Unit Awards under the Amended and Restated 2003 Omnibus Incentive Plan for the 2009-2011 performance period.

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