

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

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

JOHNS CREEK, GA 30097

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 03/05/2012

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)
 Controller

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| Common Stock | | | | (A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price | 1,107 | 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Phantom Stock | (2) | 03/05/2012 | | I | 415.25 | (1) | (3) | Common Stock | 415.25 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 12.1 | | | | | 02/02/2013 | 02/01/2017 | Common Stock | 3,720 |
| 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 |
| Stock Options (Right to Buy) | \$ 16.5 | | | | | 02/02/2015 | 02/02/2019 | Common Stock | 4,750 |

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

03/07/2012

**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 conversion rate of this derivative security on March 5, 2012 is 0.847 resulting in 4,148.42 shares of common stock (underlying security in column 7).

(3) The shares of phantom stock become payable, in stock, upon reporting person's termination of service as an employee, in accordance with the terms of the Plan.

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