BUCHHOLZ SALLY R

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **BUCHHOLZ SALLY R** Issuer Symbol SAIA INC [SAIA] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title _ Other (specify 11465 JOHNS CREEK PARKWAY, 02/02/2012 below) SUITE 400 VP Marketing/Customer Service (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

JOHNS CREEK, GA 30097

(City)	(State) (Z	I - Non-Do	erivative S	Securi	ties Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	02/02/2012		A	3,016 (3)	A	\$ 16.5	9,325	D	
Common Stock	02/02/2012		F	1,106 (6)	D	\$ 16.5	8,219	D	
Common Stock	02/02/2012		A	9,091 (5)	A	\$ 16.5	17,310	D	

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on f 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	6,950	02/02/2015	02/02/2019	Common Stock	6,950
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.1					02/02/2013	02/01/2017	Common Stock	6,420
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 27.38					01/28/2009	01/27/2013	Common Stock	2,030
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 26.72					02/02/2010	02/02/2017	Common Stock	2,530
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 14.71					02/01/2011	01/31/2015	Common Stock	5,600
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.96					02/03/2012	02/02/2016	Common Stock	6,430
Phantom Stock	<u>(4)</u>					<u>(1)</u>	(2)	Common Stock	14,678.86 (4)
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 16.39					05/02/2014	05/01/2018	Common Stock	5,660

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer

BUCHHOLZ SALLY R 11465 JOHNS CREEK PARKWAY, SUITE 400 JOHNS CREEK, GA 30097

VP Marketing/Customer Service

Other

Signatures

/s/ Stephanie R.
Maschmeier 02/03/2012

**Signature of Reporting Date
Person

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- * 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, in accordance with the terms of the Plan.
- (3) Issuance of Performance Unit Awards under the Amended and Restated 2003 Omnibus Incentive Plan for the 2009-2011 performance period.
- (4) Conversion rate of this derivative security on February 2, 2012 is 0.8512 resulting in 12,494.29 shares of common stock (underlying security in column 7).
- (5) Restricted shares granted as part of the long-term incentive program approved by the Compensation Committee to address retention. The restricted stock award vests 25% in year three, 25% in year four and 50% in year five.
- (6) 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 2008-2010 performance period.

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