

BUCHHOLZ SALLY R  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
BUCHHOLZ SALLY R

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)  
03/10/2009

\_\_\_\_ Director  
 Officer (give title below)  
\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
VP Marketing/Customer Service

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

JOHNS CREEK, GA 30097

(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)
Common Stock				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price	3,000	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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount Number Shares
Phantom Stock	(1)	03/10/2009		I	1,887.448	(2) (3)	Common Stock 1,887
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 4.363					10/25/2002 10/25/2010	Common Stock 4,9
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 23					02/03/2008 02/02/2012	Common Stock 1,2
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 27.38					01/28/2009 01/27/2013	Common Stock 2,0
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 26.72					02/02/2010 02/02/2017	Common Stock 2,5
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 14.71					02/01/2011 01/31/2015	Common Stock 5,6
Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.96					02/03/2012 02/02/2016	Common Stock 6,4

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BUCHHOLZ SALLY R 11465 JOHNS CREEK PARKWAY, SUITE 400 JOHNS CREEK, GA 30097			VP Marketing/Customer Service	

## Signatures

/s/ Stephanie R.  
Maschmeier

03/11/2009

\*\*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) The conversion rate of this derivative security on March 10, 2009 is 0.8300 resulting in 12,183.47 shares of common stock (underlying security in column 7).
  - (2) Immediate
  - (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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