

DaVita Acquires Outpatient Kidney Dialysis Programs in Maryland and Georgia

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DaVita Inc. today announced that it has acquired three dialysis programs serving approximately 200 patients. The two Maryland programs are located in Largo and Laurel, and were effective December 1, 2003. The third program is a peritoneal program located in Roswell, Georgia, and was effective November 1, 2003. The existing nephrologists will continue to provide Medical Director services at the facilities.

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DaVita is a leading provider of dialysis services for patients suffering from chronic kidney failure. The Company owns and operates kidney dialysis centers and home peritoneal dialysis programs domestically in 33 states, as well as Washington, D.C. As of September 30, 2003, DaVita operates 547 outpatient facilities serving 47,000 patients, including 3,300 patients in 30 centers under management.

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