DaVita Acquires Dialysis Programs in 5 States

DaVita Inc. announced it recently completed the acquisition of five facilities serving approximately 250 patients. The facilities acquired in four separate transactions are located in Ohio, Missouri, Kentucky, Indiana and Louisiana.

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"In each case, the centers add to our existing local market presence or establish a strong position in a new market," stated Kent Thiry, Chairman and CEO. "I would like to officially welcome the patients, caregivers and physicians affiliated with these quality centers to the DaVita team."

DaVita is a leading provider of dialysis services for patients suffering from chronic kidney failure. The Company provides services at kidney dialysis centers and home peritoneal dialysis programs domestically in 33 states, as well as Washington, D.C. As of June 30, 2003, DaVita operates 539 outpatient facilities serving 47,000 patients, including 3,300 patients in 29 centers under third-party management.

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