

RespireRx Pharmaceuticals Inc.
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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 *
SAPIRSTEIN JAMES

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**C/O RESPIRERX
PHARMACEUTICALS INC., 126
VALLEY ROAD, SUITE C**

(Street)

GLEN ROCK, NJ 07452

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
**RespireRx Pharmaceuticals Inc.
[RSPI]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
01/18/2017

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| | | | | Code | V | Amount | |

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) | | |
|---|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Common Stock Options (to purchase shares of Common Stock) | \$ 3.9 | 01/18/2017 | | A | 25,000 | (1) | 01/18/2022 | Common Stock | 25,000 |
| Common Stock Options (to purchase shares of Common Stock) | \$ 7.3775 (2) | | | | | (3) | 03/31/2021 | Common Stock | 30,770 (2) |
| Common Stock Options (to purchase shares of Common Stock) | \$ 6.396 (2) | | | | | (4) | 08/18/2022 | Common Stock | 9,231 (2) |
| Common Stock Options (to purchase shares of Common Stock) | \$ 8.125 (2) | | | | | (5) | 06/30/2022 | Common Stock | 6,154 (2) |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SAPIRSTEIN JAMES
C/O RESPIRERX PHARMACEUTICALS INC. X
126 VALLEY ROAD, SUITE C
GLEN ROCK, NJ 07452

Signatures

/s/ James E.
Sapirstein 01/20/2017

**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) These Common Stock Options vest in three installments: 25 percent on January 18, 2017 (the grant date), 25 percent on March 31, 2017, and 50 percent on June 30, 2017.
- (2) The exercise price and number of shares of these securities have been adjusted to reflect the Company's 325-to-1 reverse stock split effective September 1, 2016.
- (3) These Common Stock Options vested in four equal installments: 25 percent on March 31, 2016 (the grant date), 25 percent on June 30, 2016, 25 percent on September 30, 2016, and 25 percent on December 31, 2016.
- (4) These Common Stock Options vested in four equal installments: 25 percent on December 31, 2015, 25 percent on March 31, 2016, 25 percent on June 30, 2016, and 25 percent on September 30, 2016.
- (5) The Common Stock Options vested in three installments: 50 percent on June 30, 2015, 25 percent on September 30, 2015, and 25 percent on December 31, 2015.

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