

# FORM 4

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)	
SAPIRSTEIN JAMES		RespireRx Pharmaceuticals Inc. [ RSPI ]		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director _____ 10% Owner <input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)	
(Last) (First) (Middle)		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)			
C/O RESPIRERX PHARMACEUTICALS INC., 126 VALLEY ROAD, SUITE C		12/9/2017			
(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)	
GLEN ROCK, NJ 07452				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
(City) (State) (Zip)					

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans. Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Trans. 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			

**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned ( e.g. , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans. Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Trans. 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		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Common Stock Options (to purchase shares of Common Stock)	\$1.45	12/9/2017		J	(1)	38114		(1)	12/9/2022	Common Stock	38114	(1)	38114	D	
Common Stock Options (to purchase shares of Common Stock)	\$2							(2)	6/30/2022	Common Stock	25000		25000	D	
Common Stock Options (to purchase shares of Common Stock)	\$3.9							(3)	1/18/2022	Common Stock	25000		25000	D	
Common Stock Options (to purchase shares of Common Stock)	\$7.3775 (4)							(5)	3/31/2021	Common Stock	30770 (4)		30770 (4)	D	
Common Stock Options (to purchase shares of Common Stock)	\$6.396 (4)							(6)	8/18/2022	Common Stock	9231 (4)		9231 (4)	D	
Common Stock Options (to purchase shares of Common Stock)	\$8.125 (4)							(7)	6/30/2022	Common Stock	6154 (4)		6154 (4)	D	

### Explanation of Responses:

- On December 9, 2017, Mr. Sapirstein forgave all of the accrued but unpaid directors fees to which he was entitled as of September 30, 2017, an aggregate of \$55,000. On that date, the Company granted to Mr. Sapirstein options to purchase 38,114 shares of the Company's common stock, with a black-scholes value of \$1.44 per option and an aggregate value of \$55,000. These Common Stock Options vested upon issuance.
- These Common Stock Options vested upon issuance.
- These Common Stock Options vested 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, and are all currently vested.
- 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, and are all currently vested.

- (5) 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, and are all currently vested.
- (6) 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, and are all currently vested.
- (7) 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, and are all currently vested.

**Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SAPIRSTEIN JAMES C/O RESPIRERX PHARMACEUTICALS INC. 126 VALLEY ROAD, SUITE C GLEN ROCK, NJ 07452	X			

**Signatures**

/s/ James E. Sapirstein

12/11/2017

\*\*  
—Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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