

SAPIRSTEIN JAMES  
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 \*  
SAPIRSTEIN JAMES

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
12/09/2017

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)

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

(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

GLEN ROCK, NJ 07452

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

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) | \$ 1.45  | 12/09/2017                           |  | J <sup>(1)</sup>               | 38,114  | <u>(1)</u>   | 12/09/2022  | Common Stock | 38,114                     |
| Common Stock Options (to purchase shares of Common Stock) | \$ 2   |                                      |  |                                |   | <u>(2)</u>   | 06/30/2022  | Common Stock | 25,000                     |
| Common Stock Options (to purchase shares of Common Stock) | \$ 3.9   |                                      |  |                                |   | <u>(3)</u>   | 01/18/2022  | Common Stock | 25,000                     |
| Common Stock Options (to purchase shares of Common Stock) | \$ 7.3775 <sup>(4)</sup>                               |                                      |  |                                |   | <u>(5)</u>   | 03/31/2021  | Common Stock | 30,770 <sup>(4)</sup>      |
| Common Stock Options (to purchase shares of Common Stock) | \$ 6.396 <sup>(4)</sup>                                |                                      |  |                                |   | <u>(6)</u>   | 08/18/2022  | Common Stock | 9,231 <sup>(4)</sup>       |

Common  
Stock)Common  
Stock  
Options(to purchase shares of  
Common  
Stock)  
\$ 8.125  
(4)

(7)

06/30/2022

Common Stock 6,154  
(4)

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

/s/ James E.  
Sapirstein

12/11/2017

\*\*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) 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.
- (2) These Common Stock Options vested upon issuance.
- (3) 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.
- (4) 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.

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