

The earnings surprise factor represents the difference between a company's actual reported numbers and the expected consensus numbers provided by analysts on Wall Street. A large surprise factor can often result in a sharp movement in the stock price following an earnings report. Most recently DaVita healthCare Partners Inc. (NYSE:DVA) reported quarterly earnings of \$0.86 for the quarter ending on 2015-03-31, yielding a surprise factor of 1.18% as the actual reported number was \$0.01 away from the consensus estimates. The revenue surprise factor in per share dollar terms was \$25.273 for the last quarter or 0.774%.

DaVita healthCare Partners Inc. (NYSE:DVA) is next slated to report earnings for the current quarter on 2015-07-30. Brokerages covering the stock are currently expecting the firm to earn \$0.94 per share based on the 6 covering brokerages weighted into that average. Investors will be closely watching how this number fluctuates leading up to the reporting date as analysts continuously update their models.

Over the next 12-months sell-side research firms are predicting that the stock will reach targets in the range of \$83-96. The average number of the range is \$89 based on the 6 firms offering price targets. Placing these targets into a simplified 1-5 rating system produces a score of 1.8 for DaVita healthCare Partners Inc., where 1 represents a Strong Buy rating and 5 would indicate a Strong Sell rating. Three months ago the rating mean stood at 1.8. DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc., formerly DaVita Inc., is a provider of dialysis services in the United States for patients suffering from chronic kidney failure, also known as end stage renal disease (ESRD). As of December 31, 2011, the Company provided dialysis and administrative services through a network of 1,809 outpatient dialysis centers located in the United States throughout 43 states and the District of Columbia, serving a total of approximately 142,000 patients. It also provides acute inpatient dialysis services in approximately 900 hospitals and related laboratory services throughout the United States. In July 2013, DaVita, a division of DaVita HealthCare Partners Inc announced the acquisition of the dialysis operations of Malaysia's Caring Dialysis Centre Group (CDC Group) by DVA (Malaysia) Sdn Bhd.

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