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## ISSUER

**SAVIENT PHARMACEUTICALS INC**

CIK:**722104**| IRS No.: **133033811** | State of Incorp.:**DE** | Fiscal Year End: **1231**
SIC: **2833** Medicinal chemicals & botanical products

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## INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol | |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Meeker David P** | 01/07/2013 | **SAVIENT PHARMACEUTICALS INC** [SVNT] | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) | | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) |
| 400 CROSSING BLVD | | __X__ Director _____ 10% Owner _____ Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) | |
| (Street) | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check applicable line) |
| BRIDGEWATER, NJ 08807 | | | __X__ Form Filed by One Reporting Person _____ Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person |
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### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---|---|---|---|
| Common Stock, $0.01 par value | 12,644 (1) | D | |

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

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | 2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4) | | 4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | |
| Option to purchase Common Stock, $0.01 par value | 02/22/2013 | 01/07/2023 | Common Stock | 16,415 (2) | $1.17 | D | |

**Explanation of Responses:**

1. The right to receive these shares is pursuant to a restricted stock grant that will vest as follows: 4308.00 February 22, 2013 and 8336.00 on the earlier of May 22, 2013 or the Company's 2013 Annual Meeting of Stockholders
2. These stock options will vest as follows: 5593.00 on February 22, 2013 and 10822.00 on the earlier of May 22, 2013 or the Company's 2013 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

**Signatures**

Philip K. Yachmetz — 01/09/2013

** Signature of Reporting Person — Date

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

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POWER OF ATTORNEY

Know all by these present that the undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints Philip K. Yachmetz and John C. Petrolino with full power of substitution, the undersigned's true and lawful attorney-infact to:

(1)

execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer and/or employee of Savient Pharmaceuticals, Inc. (the "Company"), Forms 3, 4, and 5 in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and the rules thereunder;

(2)

do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Form 3, 4, or 5, complete and execute any amendment or amendments thereto, and timely file such form with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any stock exchange or similar authority; and

(3)

take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in such attorney-in-fact's discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or such attorney-in-fact's substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue of this power of attorney and the rights and powers herein granted. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorneys-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, are not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

This Power of Attorney shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, 4, and 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the foregoing attorneys-in-fact.

The undersigned hereby revokes and withdraws any previously executed powers of attorney with respect to the completion, execution and filing of Forms 3, 4 and 5 relating to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of this.day of January, 2013.

David P. Meeker

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