BEVERLY ENTERPRISES INC Form 8-K October 03, 2005

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## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

## FORM 8-K CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported)

October 2, 2005

BEVERLY ENTERPRISES, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware 1-9550 62-1691861

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

One Thousand Beverly Way Fort Smith, Arkansas

72919

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number including area code

(479) 201-2000

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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#### **Item 8.01 Other Events**

On October 2, 2005, Beverly Enterprises, Inc. (<u>BEI</u>) published in a local newsletter a letter from William R. Floyd, the Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of BEI to the residents of the Fort Smith, Arkansas community and surrounding area that provides additional detail on the contemplated merger with North American Senior Care, Inc. A copy of the letter is provided in Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

### **Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(a) Exhibits

Exhibit No. Exhibit

99.1 Letter from William R. Floyd

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### **SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

Dated: October 3, 2005 BEVERLY ENTERPRISES, INC.

By: /s/ Pamela H. Daniels Name: Pamela H. Daniels

Title: Senior Vice President, Controller and

Chief Accounting Officer

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