

BEVERLY ENTERPRISES INC  
 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 \*  
**SEELEY DONALD L**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**BEVERLY ENTERPRISES INC [BEV]**

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**ONE THOUSAND BEVERLY WAY**  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**03/14/2006**

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

**FORT SMITH, AR 72919**

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

**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)	Price		
\$.10 Par Value Common Stock	03/14/2006		D <sup>(1)</sup>	48,469	\$ 12.50	D	

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)

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.64	03/14/2006		D	11,000	(2) 06/02/2013	\$.10 Par Value Common Stock	11,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.4	03/14/2006		D	1,833	(2) 06/01/2012	\$.10 Par Value Common Stock	1,833
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.81	03/14/2006		D	11,000	(2) 06/01/2012	\$.10 Par Value Common Stock	11,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SEELEY DONALD L ONE THOUSAND BEVERLY WAY FORT SMITH, AR 72919		X		

## Signatures

By: Brenda Boster, by Power of Attorney For: Donald L. Seeley 03/15/2006

\_\_\_\_ 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) In accordance with the terms of the Merger Agreement entered into by and between Beverly Enterprises, Inc. and Pearl Senior Care, LLC et al. the stock held by the Reporting Person were disposed of pursuant to the Merger Agreement.

(2) This option was fully vested and was cancelled in the merger between Beverly Enterprises, Inc. and Pearl Senior Care, LLC (the "Merger") in exchange for a cash payment representing the difference between the exercise price of the option and the Merger consideration of \$12.50 per share for the underlying common stock.

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(3) Represents the difference between the per share exercise price of the option and the per share merger consideration.

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