GENESIS HEALTH VENTURES INC /PA

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	STATEMENT OF CHAN	IGES IN BENEF	ICIAL OW	NERSHIP	
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[] Check this box if no longer s obligations may continue. See			5. Form 4 or	Form 5
1.	Name and Address of Reporting Pe	rson*			
	The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc.				
	(Last)	(First)		(Middle)	
	85 Broad Street				
		(Street)			
	New York,	New York		10004	
	(City)	(State)		(Zip)	
== 2 .		e======= ng Symbol	======		
	Genesis Health Ventures, Inc. (GHVI)				
3.	I.R.S. Identification Number of	Reporting Pe	rson, if	an entity (voluntary)
4.	Statement for Month/Day/Year				
==	March 25, 2003				
5.	If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Ye	ar)		
== 6.	Relationship of Reporting Person (Check all applicable)	(s) to Issue:	====== r		
	[] Director	77.7	[X]	10% Owner	ify below)

______ 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) [] Form filed by One Reporting Person [X] Form filed by More than One Reporting Person Table I -- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned ______ |Transaction | Execution | Code | -------- I F | (A) | | F |Date |Date, if |(Instr. 8) | 1. Title of Security | (Month/Day/ |any (Month/|-----| Amount | or | Price | T |Year) |Day/Year) | Code | V | | (D) | | ((Instr. 3) Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v). FORM 4 (continued) Table II -- Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owne (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) ______ 12. 1 |Con-| |of |Trans- |Date|action|or Disposed |Expiration Date |------|Der- |action |if |Code |of (D) | (Month/Day/Year) | |Amount Title of | iva- | Date | any, | (Instr|(Instr. 3, |------|
Derivative | tive | (Month/ | (MM/|8) | 4 and 5) | Date | Expira- |

 Security
 | Secu- | Day/ | DD/ | ----- | Exer- | tion | | of

 (Instr. 3)
 | rity | Year)
 | YY) | Code| V| (A) | (D) | cisable | Date | Title | | Shares

|or |Number

Stock Option										-					
(right to buy)	\$16.	80							Immed.	10	/02/12	Common	Stock		2,50
Stock Option															
(right to buy)	\$20.	33	 	 					Immed.	10	/02/11	Common	Stock		25,00
Series A	1	1						1		1					
Convertible															
Preferred								-							
Stock	\$20.	33	 ======	 ====	 ===				Immed.	 ====	03 =====	Common	Stock		353 , 16

Instruction 4(b)(v) list of other Reporting Persons:

This statement is being filed by Goldman, Sachs & Co. ("Goldman Sachs") and The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. ("GS Group" and, together with Goldman Sachs, the "Reporting Persons"). The principal business address of each of Goldman Sachs and GS Group is 85 Broad Street, New York, New York, 10004.

Explanation of Responses:

01: Goldman Sachs beneficially owns directly and GS Group may be deemed to beneficially own indirectly 5,220,613 shares of common stock of Genesis Health Ventures, Inc.

02: These options were granted pursuant to the Genesis Health Ventures, Inc. 2001 Stock Option Plan to a managing director of Goldman Sachs, in his capacity as a director of the Issuer (the "Director"). The Director has an understanding with GS Group pursuant to which he holds such options for the benefit of GS Group. Goldman Sachs is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of GS Group.

03: Goldman Sachs beneficially owns directly and GS Group may be deemed to beneficially own indirectly 71,799 shares of Series A convertible preferred stock of Genesis Health Ventures, Inc. ("Series A Preferred"). Goldman Sachs is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of GS Group. The conversion rate is \$20.33 of liquidation preference for each share of common stock. The Series A Preferred has a liquidation preference of \$42,600,000 and accrues dividends at the annual rate of 6% payable in additional shares of Series A Preferred. The Series A Preferred are subject to mandatory redemption on October 2, 2010.

**SIGNATURE OF REPORTING PERSONS:

GOLDMAN, SACHS & CO.

By: s/ Roger S. Begelman

Name: Roger S. Begelman Title: Attorney-in-fact

THE GOLDMAN SACHS GROUP, INC.

By: s/ Roger S. Begelman

Name: Roger S. Begelman Title: Attorney-in-fact

Date: March 27, 2003

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.

See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed.

If space provided is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedures.

Alternatively, this Form is permitted to be submitted to the Commission in electronic format at the option of the reporting person pursuant to Rule 101(b) (4) of Regulation S-T.