BEVERLY ENTERPRISES INC Form 8-K September 26, 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)

September 26, 2005

BEVERLY ENTERPRISES, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware 1-9550 62-1691861

(State or Other Jurisdiction of (Commission (I.R.S. Employer Incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

One Thousand Beverly Way Fort Smith, Arkansas

72919

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

Registrant s telephone number including area code

(**Zip Code**) (479) 201-2000

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Item 8.01 Other Events

On September 26, 2005, William R. Floyd, the Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Beverly Enterprises, Inc. (<u>BE</u>I) held a conference call with BEI associates to discuss the recent amendment of the merger agreement with North American Senior Care, Inc. A transcript of the conference call is provided in Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(a) Exhibits

Exhibit No. Exhibit

99.1 Conference call transcript

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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: September 26, 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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