BEVERLY ENTERPRISES INC

Form 4 March 16, 2006

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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See Instruction 1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * FLOYD WILLIAM R

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

BEVERLY ENTERPRISES INC

[BEV]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

03/14/2006

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

ONE THOUSAND BEVERLY WAY

(First)

(Street)

(Middle)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Code

below) PRESIDENT AND CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

X Director

X_ Officer (give title

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

FORT SMITH, AR 72919

(City) (State) (Zip) 1. Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 3. 4. Securities Acquired (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D)

(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)

(A) or

Price (D) Code V Amount

\$.10 Par

Stock

Security

(Instr. 3)

Value 03/14/2006 Common

 $D^{(1)}$ 741.990 D

D

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

(Month/Day/Year)

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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 orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amou Underlying Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Am Nui Sha
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.5	03/14/2006		D	100,000	(2)	04/10/2010	Common Stock	10
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.13	03/14/2006		D	600,000	(2)	01/15/2011	\$.10 Par Value Common Stock	60
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 8.15	03/14/2006		D	600,000	(2)	01/02/2012	\$.10 Par Value Common Stock	60
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 3.5	03/14/2006		D	200,000	(2)	04/10/2010	Common Stock	20

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
1 8	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
FLOYD WILLIAM R ONE THOUSAND BEVERLY WAY FORT SMITH, AR 72919	X		PRESIDENT AND CEO			
FORT SMITH, AR 72919						

Signatures

By: Brenda Boster, by Power of Attorney For: William R.
Floyd

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

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consideration of \$12.50 per share for the underlying common stock.

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

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