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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

30(n) of the Investment Company

(Print or Type Responses)

Common Stock

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement Brookdale Senior Living Inc. [BKD] SEWARD JAMES R (Month/Day/Year) 11/04/2008 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 5243 W. 96TH STREET (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner _X__ Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Officer Other Person (give title below) (specify below) **OVERLAND** Form filed by More than One PARK, KSÂ 66207 Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	f (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	

Shares

(I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SEWARD JAMES R 5243 W. 96TH STREET Â X Â Â OVERLAND PARK, KSÂ 66207

Signatures

/s/ James R. Seward 11/10/2008

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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