

Brookdale Senior Living Inc.
Form SC 13G
November 14, 2016

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

**SCHEDULE
13G**

**Under the
Securities
Exchange Act of
1934**

Brookdale Senior
Living Inc.
(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock
(Title of Class of
Securities)

112463104
(CUSIP Number)

November 4,
2016
(Date of Event
Which Requires
Filing of This
Statement)

Check the
appropriate box
to designate the
rule pursuant to
which this
Schedule is filed:

Rule 13d-1(b)
 Rule 13d-1(c)

“ Rule 13d-1(d)

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The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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| | NAME OF REPORTING PERSON |
| 1 | SENATOR INVESTMENT GROUP LP |
| | CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER (b) " OF A GROUP |
| 2 | |
| 3 | SEC USE ONLY CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION |
| 4 | DELAWARE |
| | SOLE VOTING POWER |
| 5 | |
| | 0 SHARED VOTING POWER |
| 6 | |
| NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH: | 12,698,600 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER |
| 7 | |
| | 0 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER |
| 8 | |
| | 12,698,600 |
| 9 | AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON |

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| | 0 |
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| | AGGREGATE |
| 10 | AMOUNT IN .. |
| | ROW (9) |
| | EXCLUDES |
| | CERTAIN |
| | SHARES |
| | PERCENT OF |
| | CLASS |
| 11 | REPRESENTED BY |
| | AMOUNT IN ROW |
| | (9) |
| | 6.82% |
| | TYPE OF |
| 12 | REPORTING |
| | PERSON |
| | IA, PN |

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| 1 | NAME OF REPORTING PERSON |
| 2 | ALEXANDER KLABIN CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER (b) " |
| 3 | OF A GROUP |
| 4 | SEC USE ONLY CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION |
| 5 | UNITED STATES SOLE VOTING POWER |
| 6 | 0 SHARED VOTING POWER |
| NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH: | 12,698,600 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER |
| 7 | 0 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER |
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| 1 | NAME OF REPORTING PERSON |
| 2 | DOUGLAS SILVERMAN CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER (b) " OF A GROUP |
| 3 | SEC USE ONLY CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION |
| 4 | UNITED STATES |
| 5 | SOLE VOTING POWER |
| 6 | 0 SHARED VOTING POWER |
| 7 | NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON WITH: 12,698,600 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER |
| 8 | 0 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER |
| 9 | 12,698,600 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING |

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Item 1(a). NAME OF ISSUER

Brookdale Senior Living Inc.

Item 1(b). ADDRESS OF ISSUER'S PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICES

111 Westwood Place, Suite 400
Brentwood, TN 37027

Item 2(a). NAME OF PERSON FILING

Senator Investment Group LP ("Senator Investment") serves as investment manager to various investment funds (collectively, the "Funds"), and as such, has investment discretion with respect to the Funds. Alexander Klabin ("Mr. Klabin") and Douglas Silverman ("Mr. Silverman," and together with Mr. Klabin and Senator, the "Reporting Persons") have control of a Delaware limited liability company that may be deemed to control Senator Investment Group LP.

The filing of this statement should not be construed as an admission that any of the Reporting Persons is, for the purposes of Section 13 of the Act, the beneficial owner of the Common Stock (as defined below) reported herein.

Item 2(b). ADDRESS OF PRINCIPAL BUSINESS OFFICE OR, IF NONE, RESIDENCE

The principal office of each of the Reporting Persons is:

c/o Senator Investment Group LP
510 Madison Avenue
28th Floor
New York, NY 10022

Item 2(c). CITIZENSHIP

Senator Investment is a Delaware limited partnership. Each of Messrs. Klabin and Silverman is a United States citizen.

Item 2(d). TITLE OF CLASS OF SECURITIES

Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Common Stock").

Item 2(e). CUSIP NUMBER

112463104

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Item 3. IF THIS STATEMENT IS FILED PURSUANT TO Rules 13d-1(b), OR 13d-2(b) OR (c), CHECK WHETHER THE PERSON FILING IS A:

- (a) " Broker or dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act;
- (b) " Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Act;
- (c) " Insurance company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Act;
- (d) " Investment company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940;
- (e) " An investment adviser in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E);
- (f) " An employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F);
- (g) " A parent holding company or control person in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(G);
- (h) " A savings association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act;
- (i) " A church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under Section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act;
- (j) " A non-U.S. institution in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J);
- (k) " Group, in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(K).

If filing as a non-U.S. institution
in accordance with Rule
13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J), please
specify the type of institution:

Item 4. OWNERSHIP

The percentages used herein are calculated based upon 186,060,769 shares of Common Stock outstanding, which reflects the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding as of October 28, 2016, as reported in the Issuer's quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the period ended September 30, 2016, filed with the SEC on November 3, 2016.

Senator Investment

(a) Amount of beneficially owned: 12,698,600

(b) Percent of class: 6.82%

(c) Number of shares as to which such person has:

(i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote: 0

(ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote: 12,698,600

(iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 0

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Mr. Klabin

- (a) Amount of beneficially owned: 12,698,600
- (b) Percent of class: 6.82%
- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
 - (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote: 0
 - (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote: 12,698,600
 - (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 0

Mr. Silverman

- (a) Amount of beneficially owned: 12,698,600
- (b) Percent of class: 6.82%
- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
 - (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote: 0
 - (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote: 12,698,600
 - (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 0

Item 5. OWNERSHIP OF FIVE PERCENT OR LESS OF A CLASS

Not applicable.

Item 6. OWNERSHIP OF MORE THAN FIVE PERCENT ON BEHALF OF ANOTHER PERSON

The partners and shareholders of the Funds have the right to participate in the receipt of dividends from, or proceeds from the sale of, the securities reported herein held by the Funds in accordance with their respective ownership interests in the Funds.

Item 7. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF THE SUBSIDIARY WHICH ACQUIRED THE SECURITY BEING REPORTED ON BY THE PARENT HOLDING COMPANY OR CONTROL PERSON

Not applicable.

Item 8. IDENTIFICATION AND CLASSIFICATION OF MEMBERS OF THE GROUP

Not applicable.

Item 9. NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION OF GROUP

Not applicable.

Item 10. CERTIFICATION

By signing below each Reporting Person certifies that, to the best of his or its knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purpose or effect.

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SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of our knowledge and belief, the undersigned certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

DATE: November 14, 2016

SENATOR INVESTMENT GROUP LP

/s/ Evan Gartenlaub
Name: Evan Gartenlaub
Title: General Counsel

/s/ Evan Gartenlaub as Attorney-in-Fact*
ALEXANDER KLABIN

/s/ Evan Gartenlaub as Attorney-in-Fact*
DOUGLAS SILVERMAN

* Pursuant to a Power of Attorney attached to the Schedule 13G filed by the Reporting Persons on April 24, 2013.

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Exhibit 1

**JOINT FILING AGREEMENT
PURSUANT TO RULE 13d-1(k)**

The undersigned acknowledge and agree that the foregoing statement on Schedule 13G is filed on behalf of each of the undersigned and that all subsequent amendments to this statement on Schedule 13G shall be filed on behalf of each of the undersigned without the necessity of filing additional joint acquisition statements. The undersigned acknowledge that each shall be responsible for the timely filing of such amendments, and for the completeness and accuracy of the information concerning him or it contained therein, but shall not be responsible for the completeness and accuracy of the information concerning the others, except to the extent that he or it knows or has reason to believe that such information is inaccurate.

DATE: November 14, 2016

SENATOR INVESTMENT GROUP LP

/s/ Evan Gartenlaub
Name: Evan Gartenlaub
Title: General Counsel

/s/ Evan Gartenlaub as Attorney-in-Fact*
ALEXANDER KLABIN

/s/ Evan Gartenlaub as Attorney-in-Fact*
DOUGLAS SILVERMAN

* Pursuant to a Power of Attorney attached to the Schedule 13G filed by the Reporting Persons on April 24, 2013.