

BEVERLY ENTERPRISES INC

Form 8-K

September 18, 2003

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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 18, 2003

BEVERLY ENTERPRISES, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware

1-9550

62-1691861

**(State or Other
Jurisdiction of
Incorporation)**

**(Commission
File Number)**

**(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)**

One Thousand Beverly Way

72919

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number including area code

(479) 201-2000

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(c) Exhibits

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| 99.1 | Press Release of Beverly Enterprises, Inc. dated September 18, 2003. |

Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure

On September 18, 2003, Beverly Enterprises, Inc. (the Company) issued a press release announcing its intention to enter into a new \$225 million senior secured credit facility and to raise approximately \$100 million in the form of subordinated notes on terms to be determined. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

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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 18, 2003

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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