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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)

May 27, 2004

BEVERLY ENTERPRISES, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware 1-9550 62-1691861

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

One Thousand Beverly Way
Fort Smith, Arkansas 72919
------(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number including area code (479) 201-2000

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT

Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On May 27, 2004, Beverly Enterprises, Inc. (the "Company") issued a press release announcing that its AseraCare Hospice subsidiary signed a definitive agreement to purchase the assets of Hospice USA, LLC, a privately held company providing hospice services in Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

Exhibit 99.1* - Press Release of Beverly Enterprises, Inc. dated May 27, 2004.

^{*}Furnished with this document

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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: June 1, 2004 BEVERLY ENTERPRISES, INC.

By: /s/ PAMELA H. DANIELS

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Senior Vice President, Controller and

Chief Accounting Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

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