

BEVERLY ENTERPRISES INC

Form 8-K

March 28, 2003

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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

March 28, 2003 (March 28, 2003)
(Date of Report) (Date of earliest event reported)

BEVERLY ENTERPRISES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-9550

(Commission File Number)

62-1691861

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

One Thousand Beverly Way

Fort Smith, AR 72919

(Address of principal executive offices)

(479) 201-2000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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In connection with the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2002, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 28, 2003, Beverly Enterprises, Inc. submits as correspondence the transmittal letter and certifications attached hereto as Exhibits 99.1, 99.2 and 99.3.

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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 thereunto duly authorized.

BEVERLY ENTERPRISES, INC.

Date: March 28, 2003

By: /s/ PAMELA H. DANIELS

Pamela H. Daniels
Senior Vice President, Controller
and Chief Accounting Officer

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