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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) July 5, 2005

BEVERLY ENTERPRISES, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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

1-9550

62-1691861

One Thousand Beverly Way Fort Smith, Arkansas _____ (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

72919 -----

(Zip Code)

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

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- |_| Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

On July 5, 2005, Beverly Enterprises, Inc. ("BEI") issued a press release announcing that its 2.75 percent Convertible Subordinated Notes due 2033 (the "Notes") continue to be eligible for conversion into BEI's common stock at a

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conversion rate of 134.1922 per \$1,000 principal amount of Notes, or \$7.45 per share. A copy of the press release is attached to this report as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statement, Pro Forma Financial Information and Exhibits.

(a) Exhibits

Exhibit No. Exhibit

99.1 Press Release

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: July 5, 2005 BEVERLY ENTERPRISES, INC.

By: /s/ Jeffrey P. Freimark

Name: Jeffrey P. Freimark

Title: Executive Vice President, Chief Financial and Information Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. Exhibit

99.1 Press Release