

Smith Thomas Andrew
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Smith Thomas Andrew

(Last) (First) (Middle)

111 WESTWOOD PLACE, SUITE 200

(Street)

BRENTWOOD, TN 37027

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Brookdale Senior Living Inc. [BKD]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)

04/21/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 ___X___ Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)

EVP, General Counsel & Sec.

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock	04/21/2008		A		25,000 <u>(1)</u>	A	\$ 0 139,529 D
Common Stock	04/21/2008		A		25,000 <u>(2)</u>	A	\$ 0 164,529 D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Transaction (Instr. 5)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Smith Thomas Andrew 111 WESTWOOD PLACE SUITE 200 BRENTWOOD, TN 37027			EVP, General Counsel & Sec.	

Signatures

/s/ T. Andrew Smith 04/23/2008

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
 - ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Grant of restricted Common Stock under the Brookdale Senior Living Inc. Omnibus Stock Incentive Plan. The shares shall vest ratably in four installments on May 20, 2009, May 20, 2010, May 20, 2011 and May 20, 2012.
 - (2) Grant of restricted Common Stock under the Brookdale Senior Living Inc. Omnibus Stock Incentive Plan. The shares shall vest ratably in four installments on May 20, 2009, May 20, 2010, May 20, 2011 and May 20, 2012, dependent upon the level of achievement of performance goals established for each tranche by the Compensation Committee. Any performance-based shares which do not vest in any tranche will be forfeited.

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