

Smith Thomas Andrew
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * - Smith Thomas Andrew			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Brookdale Senior Living Inc. [BKD]		5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)		<input type="checkbox"/> Director	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner
111 WESTWOOD			05/20/2012		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)
PLACE, SUITE 400					EVP, General Counsel & Sec.	
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)	
BRENTWOOD, TN 37027					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	

			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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	05/20/2012		D ⁽¹⁾		6,250	D	\$ 0	363,398	D
Common Stock	05/22/2012		S ⁽²⁾		21,205	D	\$ 16.5817	342,193	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)
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Smith Thomas Andrew
111 WESTWOOD PLACE
SUITE 400
BRENTWOOD, TN 37027

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

EVP, General Counsel & Sec.

Signatures

/s/ Chad C. White, By Power of Attorney

05/22/2012

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) Represents the forfeiture of a tranche of restricted shares granted to the reporting person on April 21, 2008 due to the failure to achieve performance goals established by the Compensation Committee.
- (2) Represents the sale of shares to satisfy tax withholding obligations due upon the vesting of restricted stock previously granted to the reporting person. The sale reported in this Form 4 was effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan previously adopted by the reporting person.

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