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	UNITED STATES SECU Washi	RITIES AND EXC		OMMISSION		
		FORM 4				
	STATEMENT OF CHA	NGES IN BENEFI	CIAL OW	NERSHIP		
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[] Check this box if no longer obligations may continue. See			. Form 4 or	Form 5	
1.	Name and Address of Reporting P	erson*				
	Lanasa, III	Joseph		Α.		
	(Last) c/o Goldman, Sachs & Co. 85 Broad Street	(First)		(Middle)		
		(Street)				
	New York	New York		10004		
	(City)	(State)		(Zip)		
== 2.	Issuer Name and Ticker or Tradi	====== ng Symbol				-==
==	Genesis Health Ventures, Inc. (GHVI)	==========			========	
3. ==	I.R.S. Identification Number of	Reporting Per	rson, if	an entity 	(voluntary)	
4.	Statement for Month/Day/Year					
	March 25, 2003	=========		=======		
5. ==	If Amendment, Date of Original	(Month/Day/Yea				
6.	Relationship of Reporting Perso (Check all applicable)	n(s) to Issuer	2			
	[X] Director [] Officer (give title bel	ow)	[]	10% Owner Other (spe	cify below)	

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______ 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) [X] Form filed by One Reporting Person [] Form filed by More than One Reporting Person ______ Table I -- Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned) | E |Transaction | Execution | Code | -------- | F 1. | Date | Date, if | (Instr. 8) | | (A) | | F
Title of Security | (Month/Day/ | lany (Month/|------| Amount | or | Price | T |Year) |Day/Year) | Code | V | | (D) | | ((Instr. 3) Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v). FORM 4 (continued) Designations Comparities Assurand Disposed of an Depoticially Com

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Stock Option							1			1	1			
(right to buy)	\$16.8	30					I		Immed.	10/02/1	2 Common	Stock		2,500
Stock Option		 								 	 			
(right to buy)	\$20.3	33		 		 			Immed.	10/02/1	1 Common	Stock		25,000
Series A	1	1				1	I			1				
Convertible							1				1			
Preferred							1				1			
Stock	\$20.3	33 =======	 -=====	 ====	 ===	 ====	 =======		Immed.	04	Common	Stock		353 , 16

Explanation of Responses:

- 01: The Reporting Person is a managing director of Goldman, Sachs & Co. ("Goldman Sachs"). Goldman Sachs is an indirect wholly-owned subsidiary of The Goldman Sachs Group, Inc. ("GS Group"). The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of the securities reported herein, except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein, if any.
- 02: Goldman Sachs beneficially owns directly and GS Group may be deemed to beneficially own indirectly 5,220,613 shares of common stock of Genesis Health Ventures, Inc.
- 03: These options were granted pursuant to the Genesis Health Ventures, Inc. 2001 Stock Option Plan to the Reporting Person. The Reporting Person has an understanding with GS Group pursuant to which he holds such options for the benefit of GS Group.
- 04: Goldman Sachs beneficially owns directly and GS Group may be deemed to beneficially own indirectly 71,799 shares of Series A convertible preferred stock of Genesis Health Ventures, Inc. ("Series A Preferred"). The conversion rate is \$20.33 of liquidation preference for each share of common stock. The Series A Preferred has a liquidation preference of \$42,600,000 and accrues dividends at the annual rate of 6% payable in additional shares of Series A Preferred. The Series A Preferred are subject to mandatory redemption on October 2, 2010.

By: s/Roger S. Begelman March 27, 2003

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Attorney-in-fact

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations.

See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed.

If space provided is insufficient, see Instruction 6 for procedures.

Alternatively, this Form is permitted to be submitted to the Commission in electronic format at the option of the reporting person pursuant to Rule 101(b) (4) of Regulation S-T.