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Registration No. 333-98941

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO FORM S-4  
REGISTRATION STATEMENT  
UNDER  
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

Genesis Health Ventures, Inc.

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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Pennsylvania

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(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

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(Primary Standard Industrial  
Classification Code Number)

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(I.R.S. Employer Id

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Genesis Health Ventures, Inc.  
101 East State Street  
Kennett Square, PA 19348  
(610) 444-6350

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(Address, including ZIP code, and telephone number, including area code,  
of registrant's principal executive offices)

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George V. Hager, Jr.  
Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer  
Genesis Health Ventures, Inc.  
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(Name, address, including ZIP code, and telephone number,  
including area code, of agent for service)

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Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale of the securities to  
the public: Not applicable.

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connection with the formation of a holding company and there is compliance with

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THE REGISTRANT HEREBY REQUESTS THAT THIS POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 2 BECOME EFFECTIVE AS SOON AS PRACTICABLE PURSUANT TO SECTION 8(C) OF THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933, AS AMENDED.

### REMOVAL OF SECURITIES FROM REGISTRATION

On July 28, 2002, Genesis Health Ventures, Inc., a Pennsylvania corporation ("Genesis") and its wholly-owned subsidiary, Geneva Sub, Inc., entered into an agreement and plan of merger with NCS HealthCare, Inc. ("NCS"), pursuant to which NCS was to become a wholly-owned subsidiary of Genesis.

After the Genesis/NCS merger agreement was entered, Omnicare, Inc. ("Omnicare") made a cash tender offer for all of the NCS shares. In addition, seven separate lawsuits (one of which was filed by Omnicare) were filed alleging in general that certain officers and directors of NCS breached their fiduciary duties to the NCS stockholders by entering into the Genesis/NCS merger agreement and the related voting agreements, and sought to invalidate the voting agreements and enjoin the merger.

On August 29, 2002, Genesis filed Registration Statement No. 333-98941 on Form S-4, which was later amended on October 8, 2002 and November 1, 2002 (the "Registration Statement") to register 2,619,919 shares of common stock, \$.02 par value per share, of Genesis (the "Common Stock") to be issued in connection with the proposed acquisition of NCS. On November 1, 2002, the Registration Statement became effective. On November 4, 2002, a post-effective amendment to the Registration Statement was filed.

On December 11, 2002, the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware, pursuant to an order of the Delaware Supreme Court dated December 10, 2002 which reversed prior determinations of the Court of Chancery, entered an order preliminarily enjoining the consummation of the Genesis/NCS merger pending further proceedings. On December 15, 2002, Genesis and Omnicare entered into a Termination and Settlement Agreement (the "Termination and Settlement Agreement"). Pursuant to the Termination and Settlement Agreement, Genesis agreed to terminate the Genesis/NCS merger agreement on Monday, December 16, 2002 by sending notice thereof to NCS, and Omnicare agreed to pay to Genesis, an amount in cash equal to \$22,000,000 less any termination fees paid by or on behalf of NCS to Genesis under the Genesis/NCS merger agreement. In addition, pursuant to the Termination and Settlement Agreement, Genesis and Omnicare each agreed to release the other party from any claims arising from the Genesis/NCS merger agreement and not to commence any action against the other party arising out of or in connection with the Genesis/NCS merger agreement. On December 16, 2002, Genesis provided written notice to NCS terminating the Genesis/NCS merger agreement.

Accordingly, Genesis hereby deregisters a total of 2,619,919 shares of Common Stock.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, the registrant has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Kennett Square, State of Pennsylvania, on the date indicated.

Genesis Health Ventures, Inc.

Date: February 21, 2003

By: /s/ George V. Hager, Jr.

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George V. Hager, Jr.  
Executive Vice President  
and Chief Financial Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities and on the dates indicated:

Signatures	Title
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*	Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
-----	(Principal Executive Officer)
Robert H. Fish	
/s/ George V. Hager, Jr.	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial
-----	Officer (Principal Financial Officer and Principal
George V. Hager, Jr.	Accounting Officer)
*	Director
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James H. Bloem	
*	Director
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James E. Dalton, Jr.	
-----	Director
James D. Dondero	
*	Director
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Dr. Philip P. Gerbino	
-----	Director
Joseph A. LaNasa III	

\*By: /s/ George V. Hager, Jr.

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George V. Hager, Jr.

Attorney-In-Fact