Rijos John P Form 4 May 22, 2009

FORM 4

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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

1(b).

| Rijos John P | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | | | | ng | Issuer | | | | |
|---------------------|--|-------------------|--|------------------------------------|---|---|-------------|---|------------------------|-----------|--|--|
| | | | - | Brookdale Senior Living Inc. [BKD] | | | | | (Check all applicable) | | | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | | | | (2000 of process) | | | | |
| 220 NODES | | (Month/Day/Year) | | | | Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify | | | | | | |
| 330 NORTH WABASH | | | 05/20/2 | 05/20/2009 | | | | _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) | | | | |
| AVENUE, SUITE 1400 | | | | | | | | Co-President and COO | | | | |
| (Street) | | | 4. If Ame | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | | | |
| Fil | | | | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | | | | Applicable Line) | | | | |
| CVWCA CO. W. COCAA | | | | | | | | _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting | | | | |
| CHICAGO, IL 60611 | | | | | | | | Person | | | | |
| (City) | (State) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1.Title of | 2. Transaction Da | | | 3. 4. Securities Acquired | | | | 5. Amount of 6. Ownership | | | | |
| Security (Instr. 3) | (Month/Day/Yea | r) Executi any | on Date, if Transaction Code | | on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | Securities Beneficially | Indirect Beneficial | | | |
| (Instr. 5) | | • | /Day/Year) | | | | 3, | Owned | (D) or Indirect (I) | Ownership | | |
| | | | | | | | | Following | (Instr. 4) | | | |
| | | | | | | (A) | | Reported Transaction(s) | | | | |
| | | | | Code V | Amount | or (D) | Price | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | |
| Common Stock | 05/20/2009 | | | D(1) | 5,000 | D | \$0 | 465,415 | D | | | |
| Common | 05/21/2009 | | | S(2) | 400 | D | \$ | 465,015 | D | | | |
| Stock | 03/21/2009 | | | <u> </u> | 100 | D | 10.96 | 105,015 | D | | | |
| Common Stock | 05/21/2009 | | | S(2) | 600 | D | \$ 10.97 | 464,415 | D | | | |
| Common | | | | | | | ¢ | | | | | |
| Common Stock | 05/21/2009 | | | S(2) | 607 | D | 10.98 | 463,808 | 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 | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exerc | | 7. Title | | 8. Price of | 9. Nu |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------|------------|----------------------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------|-------------|---------|
| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transaction | orNumber | Expiration D | Expiration Date | | it of | Derivative | Deriv |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | of | (Month/Day/ | Year) | Underl | ying | Security | Secui |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivative | e | | Securit | ies | (Instr. 5) | Bene |
| Derivative | | | | | Securities | ırities | | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | Owne | |
| | Security | | | | Acquired | | | | | | Follo |
| | | | | | (A) or | | | | | | Repo |
| | | | | | Disposed | | | | | | Trans |
| | | | | | of (D) | | | | | | (Instr |
| | | | | | (Instr. 3, | | | | | | (IIIsti |
| | | | | | 4, and 5) | | | | | | |
| | | | | | 4, and 3) | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Amount | | |
| | | | | | | Data | Evaluation | | or | | |
| | | | | | | Date Expiration Exercisable Date | Title Number | | | | |
| | | | | | | | Date | of | of | | |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Rijos John P 330 NORTH WABASH AVENUE SUITE 1400 CHICAGO, IL 60611

Co-President and COO

Signatures

/s/ Chad C. White, By Power of Attorney 05/22/2009

**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.
- Represents the sale of shares to satisfy tax withholding obligations due upon the vesting of restricted stock previously granted to the reporting person. The sales reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan previously adopted by the reporting person.

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