

AMERICAN RETIREMENT VILLAS PROPERTIES III LTD PARTNERSHIP  
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May 17, 2004

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549  
SCHEDULE 14A

PROXY STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 14(a) OF THE SECURITIES  
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934  
(AMENDMENT NO. 5)

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AMERICAN RETIREMENT VILLAS PROPERTIES III, L.P.

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(Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

ATRIA SENIOR LIVING GROUP, INC.

ARV ASSISTED LIVING, INC.

ARVP III ACQUISITION, L.P.  
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(Name of Person(s) Filing Proxy Statement, if other than the Registrant)

Payment of Filing Fee (Check the appropriate box):

[ ] No fee required.

[X] Fee computed on table below per Exchange Act Rules 14a-6(i)(4) and 0-11.

(1) Title of each class of securities to which transaction applies:

Limited Partnership Units

(2) Aggregate number of securities to which transaction applies:  
8,858.807

(3) Per unit price or other underlying value of transaction computed  
pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 0-11 (set forth the amount on which the

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filing fee is calculated and state how it was determined):  
\$400

- (4) Proposed maximum aggregate value of transaction:  
\$3,543,522.80\*
- (5) Total fee paid:  
\$449\*\*

[X] Fee paid previously with preliminary materials.

\* Estimated for purposes of calculating the amount of filing fee only. Transaction value was derived by multiplying 8,858.807 (the number of units of limited partnership interest of registrant outstanding as of March 24, 2004 that are not held by ARV or its subsidiaries) by \$400 (the offer price).

\*\* The amount of the filing fee, calculated in accordance with Rule 0-11 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and Fee Advisory #7 for Fiscal Year 2004 issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission on January 26, 2004, equals 0.012670% of the transaction valuation.

[X] Check box if any part of the fee is offset as provided by Exchange Act Rule 0-11(a)(2) and identify the filing for which the offsetting fee was paid previously. Identify the previous filing by registration statement number, or the Form or Schedule and the date of its filing.

(1) Amount previously paid: \$253.70

(2) Form, Schedule or Registration Statement No.: Schedule 14A

(3) Filing Party: ARV Assisted Living, Inc., Atria Senior Living Group, Inc., and ARVP III Acquisition, LP

(4) Date Filed: January 21, 2004

Exhibit (a)(1)(J)

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE  
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ARVP III ACQUISITION, L.P. EXTENDS OFFER FOR  
AMERICAN RETIREMENT VILLAS PROPERTIES III, L.P.  
-- AT PURCHASE PRICE OF \$400 PER UNIT --  
UNTIL JUNE 4, 2004

COSTA MESA, C.A. - (BUSINESS WIRE) - May 17, 2004 - ARVP III Acquisition, L.P. (the "Purchaser") announced today that it has extended the expiration date of its offer to purchase all of the limited partnership units (other than units owned by ARV Assisted Living, Inc. or its affiliates) of American Retirement Villas Properties III, L.P., a California limited partnership (the "Partnership"), and the related consent solicitation to 11:59 p.m. Eastern time, on June 4, 2004, unless further extended (the "Expiration Date"). The offer and the related consent solicitation are each being made pursuant to the Purchaser's Offer to Purchase and Consent Solicitation Statement, dated March 24, 2004 (the "Offer to Purchase"). If the offer and consent solicitation are further extended, the Purchaser will issue a press release no later than 9:00 a.m., Eastern time, on the next business day after the day on which the offer and

consent solicitation were previously scheduled to expire.

The Purchaser has offered to purchase all the units (other than units held by ARV Assisted Living, Inc. or its affiliates) for a purchase price of \$400 per unit in cash, less the amount of any cash distributions made or declared with respect to the units on or after March 24, 2004, in accordance with the terms of the Offer to Purchase. The related consent solicitation would allow the Purchaser to effect a merger pursuant to which each unit (other than units held by ARV Assisted Living, Inc. or its affiliates) not validly tendered in the offer or withdrawn would be converted into the right to receive \$400, as more fully described in the Offer to Purchase. ARV Assisted Living, Inc., the general partner of the Partnership, directly or indirectly wholly-owns the Purchaser, and is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Atria Senior Living Group, Inc. ARV Assisted Living, Inc. also owns approximately 52.5% of the limited partnership units of the Partnership.

As of May 14, 2004, approximately 3,445 Units, or approximately 39% of all outstanding units (other than units held by ARV Assisted Living, Inc. or its affiliates) had been validly tendered and not withdrawn. Approximately 97% of the unitholders who have voted on the proposal to effect the merger to date have consented to the terms of the merger.

Unitholders who wish to receive the \$400 per unit offer price must complete the Agreement of Assignment and Transfer previously sent to unitholders in accordance with the Offer to Purchase and deliver it to the Purchaser's information agent to the attention of American Retirement Villas Properties III, L.P., c/o ACS Securities Services, Inc., 3988 N. Central Expressway, Building 5,

6th Floor, Dallas, Texas 75204 (Tel. (866) 275-3707), on or before 11:59 p.m., Eastern time, on June 4, 2004, unless the offer is further extended. Unitholders who wish to consent to the proposal to effect the merger as described in the Offer to Purchase must complete their Consent Forms in accordance with the Offer to Purchase and deliver them to the same address listed above on or before 11:59 p.m., Eastern time, on June 4, 2004, unless the offer is further extended.

Unitholders who have any questions about the Purchaser's offer and/or consent solicitation, need help or would like additional copies of the Offer to Purchase, the Agreement of Assignment and Transfer, the Consent Form or any other documents disseminated to unitholders should contact ACS Securities Services, Inc. at the number above.

THE PURCHASER STRONGLY ADVISES ALL PARTNERSHIP UNITHOLDERS TO READ THE OFFER TO PURCHASE, THE AGREEMENT OF ASSIGNMENT AND TRANSFER AND THE CONSENT FORM THAT THE PURCHASER MAILED TO ALL UNITHOLDERS, AS WELL AS ITS SCHEDULE TO AND SCHEDULE 14A, WITH EXHIBITS AND THEIR AMENDMENTS, THAT HAVE BEEN FILED WITH THE SEC.

THIS PRESS RELEASE IS FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY AND IS NOT AN OFFER TO PURCHASE ANY UNITS, THE SOLICITATION OF AN OFFER TO SELL ANY UNITS, THE SOLICITATION OF THE CONSENT OF ANY LIMITED PARTNER OR A RECOMMENDATION TO ANY UNITHOLDER TO TAKE ANY ACTION WITH RESPECT TO ANY OFFER. THE SOLICITATION AND OFFER TO BUY UNITS OF THE PARTNERSHIP AND THE SOLICITATION OF UNITHOLDER CONSENTS ARE BEING MADE PURSUANT TO THE OFFER TO PURCHASE, THE AGREEMENT OF ASSIGNMENT AND TRANSFER, THE CONSENT FORM AND RELATED MATERIALS THAT THE PURCHASER HAS SENT TO UNITHOLDERS AND FILED WITH THE SEC. THE PURCHASER STRONGLY ADVISES ALL UNITHOLDERS TO READ SUCH MATERIALS CAREFULLY BECAUSE THEY CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION, INCLUDING RISK FACTORS AND THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE OFFER AND THE CONSENT SOLICITATION. UNITHOLDERS MAY OBTAIN COPIES OF THESE MATERIALS FOR FREE FROM THE SEC'S WEBSITE AT WWW.SEC.GOV OR FROM THE INFORMATION AGENT, ACS SECURITIES SERVICES, INC., AT (866) 275-3707 (TOLL-FREE). INFORMATION

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RELATING TO THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE OFFER AND CONSENT SOLICITATION IS CONTAINED IN THE OFFER TO PURCHASE.

Certain statements in this press release may constitute forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance or actions and involve risks and uncertainties and other factors that may cause actual results or actions to differ materially from those anticipated at the time the forward-looking statements are made. Subject to Rules 13e-3(d)(2), 13e-3(f)(i)(iii) and 13d-3(b) of the Exchange Act, neither the Purchaser nor any of its affiliates undertakes any obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statement, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise.