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STATEMENT UNDER OATH OF PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL OFFICER REGARDING FACTS AND CIRCUMSTANCES RELATING TO EXCHANGE ACT FILINGS

I, Robert Fish as Chief Executive Officer, state and attest that:

(1) To the best of my knowledge, based upon a review of the covered reports of Genesis Health Ventures, Inc., and, except as corrected or supplemented in a subsequent covered report:

- no covered report contained an untrue statement of a material fact as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed); and
no covered report omitted to state a material fact necessary to make the statements in the covered report, in light of the circumstances under which they were made, not misleading as of the end of the period covered by such report (or in the case of a report on Form 8-K or definitive proxy materials, as of the date on which it was filed).

(2) I have reviewed the contents of this statement with the Company's audit committee.

(3) In this statement under oath, each of the following, if filed on or before the date of this statement, is a "covered report":

- Annual Report on Form 10-K of Genesis Health Ventures, Inc. filed with the Commission on December 28, 2001;
all reports on Form 10-Q, all reports on Form 8-K and all definitive proxy materials of Genesis Health Ventures, Inc. filed with the Commission subsequent to the filing of the Form 10-K identified above; and
any amendments to any of the foregoing.

Handwritten signature of Robert H. Fish

Robert H. Fish
August 14, 2002

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 14th day of August 2002.

Handwritten signature of Notary Public

My Commission Expires: 7/29/06

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