

SIERRA HEALTH SERVICES INC
Form SC 13G/A
February 14, 2001

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

SCHEDULE 13G
Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Amendment No.: 1

Name of Issuer: Sierra Health Services, Inc.

Title of Class of Securities: Common Stock

CUSIP Number: 826322109

(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

December 31, 2001

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

/ Rule 13d-1(b)

/ Rule 13d-1(c)

/ Rule 13d-1(d)

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The information required in the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

CUSIP Number: 826322109

1. Name of Reporting Person
I.R.S. Identification No. of Above Person

Deerfield Capital, L.P.

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group

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- a.
- b. X

3. SEC Use Only

4. Citizenship or Place of Organization

Delaware

Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person
With:

5. Sole Voting Power:

6. Shared Voting Power:

1,068,000

7. Sole Dispositive Power:

8. Shared Dispositive Power:

1,068,000

9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting
Person

1,068,000

10. Check Box if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes
Certain Shares

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11. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9)

3.92%

12. Type of Reporting Person

PN

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CUSIP Number: 826322109

1. Name of Reporting Person
I.R.S. Identification No. of Above Person

Deerfield Partners, L.P.
2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group
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4. Citizenship or Place of Organization

Delaware

Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person
With:

5. Sole Voting Power:

6. Shared Voting Power:

1,068,000

7. Sole Dispositive Power:

8. Shared Dispositive Power:

1,068,000

9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting
Person

1,068,000

10. Check Box if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes
Certain Shares

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11. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9)

3.92%

12. Type of Reporting Person

PN

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CUSIP Number: 826322109

1. Name of Reporting Person
I.R.S. Identification No. of Above Person

Deerfield Management Company

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group

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4. Citizenship or Place of Organization

New York

Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person

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With:

5. Sole Voting Power:

6. Shared Voting Power:

432,000

7. Sole Dispositive Power:

8. Shared Dispositive Power:

432,000

9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person

432,000

10. Check Box if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares

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11. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9)

1.59%

12. Type of Reporting Person

PN

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CUSIP Number: 826322109

1. Name of Reporting Person
I.R.S. Identification No. of Above Person

Deerfield International Limited

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group

- a.
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4. Citizenship or Place of Organization

British Virgin Islands

Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person
With:

5. Sole Voting Power:

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6. Shared Voting Power:

432,000

7. Sole Dispositive Power:

8. Shared Dispositive Power:

432,000

9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person

432,000

10. Check Box if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares

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11. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9)

1.59%

12. Type of Reporting Person

CO

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CUSIP Number: 826322109

1. Name of Reporting Person
I.R.S. Identification No. of Above Person

Arnold H. Snider

2. Check the Appropriate Box if a Member of a Group

- a.
- b. X

3. SEC Use Only

4. Citizenship or Place of Organization

United States

Number of Shares Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person
With:

5. Sole Voting Power:

6. Shared Voting Power:

1,500,000

7. Sole Dispositive Power:

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8. Shared Dispositive Power:

1,500,000

9. Aggregate Amount Beneficially Owned by Each Reporting Person

1,500,000

10. Check Box if the Aggregate Amount in Row (9) Excludes Certain Shares

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11. Percent of Class Represented by Amount in Row (9)

5.51%

12. Type of Reporting Person

IN

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Item 1(a) Name of Issuer: Sierra Health Services, Inc.

(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

2724 North Tenaya Way
Las Vegas, Nevada 89128

Item 2(a) - (c). Name, Principal Business Address, and
Citizenship of Persons Filing:

Arnold H. Snider
Deerfield Capital, L.P.
Deerfield Partners, L.P.
Deerfield Management Company
450 Lexington Avenue
Suite 1450
New York, NY 10017

Deerfield International Limited
c/o Hemisphere Management (B.V.I.) Limited
Bison Court
Columbus Centre
P.O. Box 3460
Road Town, Tortola
British Virgin Islands

Mr. Snider - United States citizen

Deerfield Capital, L.P. and Deerfield Partners,
L.P. - Delaware limited partnerships

Deerfield Management Company - New York limited
partnership

Deerfield International Limited - British Virgin
Islands corporation

(d) Title of Class of Securities: Common Stock

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(e) CUSIP Number: 826322109

Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b) (1) or 13d-2(b) or (c) check whether the person filing is:

- (a) / / Broker or dealer registered under Section 15 of the Act,
- (b) / / Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Act,

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- (c) / / Insurance Company as defined in Section 3(a)(19) of the Act,
- (d) / / Investment Company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act,
- (e) / / Investment Adviser registered under Section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940,
- (f) / / Employee Benefit Plan, Pension Fund which is subject to the provisions of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 or Endowment Fund,
- (g) / / Parent Holding Company, in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(ii)(G),
- (h) / / Savings association as defined in Section 3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act,
- (i) / / Church plan excluded from the definition of an investment company under Section 3(c)(14) of the Investment Company Act,
- (j) / / Group, in accordance with Rule 13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(H).

If this statement is filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(c), check this box. /X/

Item 4. Ownership.

- (a) Amount Beneficially Owned: Deerfield Capital, L.P. and Deerfield Partners, L.P. - 1,068,000; Deerfield Management Company and Deerfield International Limited - 432,000; Arnold H. Snider - 1,500,000
- (b) Percent of Class: Deerfield Capital, L.P. and Deerfield Partners, L.P. - 3.92%; Deerfield Management Company and Deerfield International Limited - 1.5%; Arnold H. Snider - 5.51%

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- (c) Deerfield Capital, L.P. and Deerfield Partners, L.P. - 1,068,000 shares with shared power to vote or to direct the vote; 0 shares with sole power to vote or to direct the vote; 1,068,000 shares with shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of; 0 shares with the sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of

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Deerfield Management Company and Deerfield International Limited - 432,000 shares with shared power to vote or to direct the vote; 0 shares with sole power to vote or to direct the vote; 432,000 shares with shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of; 0 shares with the sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of

Arnold H. Snider - 1,506,000 shares with shared power to vote or to direct the vote; 0 shares with sole power to vote or to direct the vote; 1,506,000 shares with shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of; 0 shares with the sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.

N/A

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.

N/A

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported by the Parent Holding Company.

N/A

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.

N/A

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of the Group.

N/A

Item 10.

Certification for Rule 13d-1(c): By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the

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securities referred to above were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

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After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

DEERFIELD CAPITAL, L.P.

By: Snider Capital Corp.,
General Partner

By: /s/ Arnold H. Snider

Arnold H. Snider, President

DEERFIELD PARTNERS, L.P.

By: Deerfield Capital, L.P.

By: Snider Capital Corp.,
General Partner

By: /s/ Arnold H. Snider

Arnold H. Snider, President

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DEERFIELD MANAGEMENT COMPANY

By: Snider Management Company,
General Partner

By: /s/ Arnold H. Snider

Arnold H. Snider, President

DEERFIELD INTERNATIONAL LIMITED

By: Deerfield Management Company

By: Snider Management Company,
General Partner

By: /s/ Arnold H. Snider

Arnold H. Snider, President

ARNOLD H. SNIDER

/s/ Arnold H. Snider

February 14, 2001

Date

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Exhibit A

AGREEMENT

The undersigned agree that this Schedule 13G dated February 14, 2001 relating to the Common Stock of Sierra Health Services, Inc. shall be filed on behalf of the undersigned.

DEERFIELD CAPITAL, L.P.

By: Snider Capital Corp.,
General Partner

By: /s/ Arnold H. Snider

Arnold H. Snider, President

DEERFIELD PARTNERS, L.P.

By: Deerfield Capital, L.P.

By: Snider Capital Corp.,
General Partner

By: /s/ Arnold H. Snider

Arnold H. Snider, President

DEERFIELD MANAGEMENT COMPANY

By: Snider Management Company,
General Partner

By: /s/ Arnold H. Snider

Arnold H. Snider, President

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DEERFIELD INTERNATIONAL LIMITED

By: Deerfield Management Company

By: Snider Management Company,
General Partner

By: /s/ Arnold H. Snider

Arnold H. Snider, President

ARNOLD H. SNIDER

/s/ Arnold H. Snider
