



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

DIVISION OF
CORPORATION FINANCE

January 23, 2013

Via E-mail

Mr. Thomas L. Tran
Senior Vice President
and Chief Financial Officer
Wellcare Health Plans, Inc.
8725 Henderson Road, Renaissance One
Tampa, FL 33634

**Re: Wellcare Health Plans, Inc.
Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2011
Filed February 15, 2012
File No. 001-32209**

Dear Mr. Tran:

We have completed our review of your filings. We remind you that our comments or changes to disclosure in response to our comments do not foreclose the Commission from taking any action with respect to the company or the filing and the company may not assert staff comments as a defense in any proceeding initiated by the Commission or any person under the federal securities laws of the United States. We urge all persons who are responsible for the accuracy and adequacy of the disclosure in the filing to be certain that the filing includes the information the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and all applicable rules require.

Sincerely,

/s/ Gus Rodriguez

Gus Rodriguez
Accounting Branch Chief