

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

Mr. Devasis Ghose Chief Financial Officer Skilled Healthcare Group, Inc. 27442 Portola Parkway, Suite 200 Foothill Ranch, California 92610

September 10, 2009

Re: Skilled Healthcare Group, Inc.

Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008 Filed February 25, 2009, as amended June 29, 2009

File No. 1-33459

Dear Mr. Ghose:

We have completed our review of your Form 10-K and related filings and do not, at this time, have any further comments.

Sincerely,

Larry Spirgel Assistant Director