

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

DIVISION OF CORPORATION FINANCE

July 27, 2011

<u>Via Email</u>

Scott A. Anderson Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer HCP, Inc 3760 Kilroy Airport Way Suite 300 Long Beach, California, 90806

> Re: HCP, Inc Form 10-K Filed February 15, 2011 File No. 001-08895

Dear Mr. Anderson:

We have completed our review of your filing. 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/ Kevin Woody

Kevin Woody Accounting Branch Chief