

WELLCARE HEALTH PLANS, INC.

Form 8-K

June 29, 2009

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): **June 26, 2009**

WELLCARE HEALTH PLANS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-32209
(Commission File Number)

47-0937650
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

8725 Henderson Road, Renaissance One
Tampa, Florida
(Address of principal executive offices)

33634
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(813) 290-6200**

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On June 26, 2009, Heath G. Schiesser, President and Chief Executive Officer of WellCare Health Plans, Inc. (the Company), informed the Board of Directors (the Board) that he intends to resign from his current officer and director positions upon the appointment of a new President and Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Schiesser intends to continue serving in his current roles until his Chief Executive Officer successor has been appointed. The Board has formed a Committee on Leadership and Executive Succession, comprised of certain directors and a non-director executive officer, to focus on leadership transition at the Company.

Item 8.01. Other Events.

A copy of the Company's press release announcing Mr. Schiesser's intentions and the formation of the Committee on Leadership and Executive Succession is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(a) Financial Statements of Business Acquired.

None.

(b) Pro Forma Financial Information.

None.

(c) Shell Company Transactions.

None.

(d) Exhibits.

The following exhibits are filed as part of this report:

99.1 Press Release of the Company issued June 29, 2009.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

WELLCARE HEALTH PLANS, INC.

Date: June 29, 2009

/s/ Heath G. Schiesser
Heath G. Schiesser
President and Chief Executive Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

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