

WELLCARE HEALTH PLANS, INC.

Form 8-K

March 17, 2009

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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): March 16, 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.)
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8725 Henderson Road, Renaissance One Tampa, Florida (Address of principal executive offices)	33634 (Zip Code)
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (813) 290-6200

Not Applicable  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- .. Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))



Item 2.02 Results of operations and Financial Statements

On March 16, 2009, WellCare Health Plans, Inc. issued a press release announcing its results of operations for the quarter and year ended December 31, 2008, and the filing of its Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2008. A copy of the press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and is incorporated herein by reference.

The information furnished herewith pursuant to Item 2.02 of this Current Report shall not be deemed to be “filed” for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, and shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other document under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(a) Financial Statements of Business Acquired.

None.

(b) Pro Forma Financial Information.

None.

(c) Shell Company Transaction.

None.

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press release dated March 16, 2009

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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.

March 16, 2009

/s/ Thomas L. Tran  
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Description
<u>99.1</u>	<u>Press release dated March 16, 2009</u>