WELLCARE HEALTH PLANS, INC.

Form S-8 POS August 22, 2011

As filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on August 22, 2011

Registration No.

333-120257

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

Post-Effective Amendment No. 2

to

FORM S-8
REGISTRATION STATEMENT
UNDER
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

WellCare Health Plans, Inc. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 47-0937650 (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation organization) (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

8725 Henderson Road, Renaissance One

Tampa, Florida 33634 (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

WELLCARE HEALTH PLANS, INC. 2004 EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN WELLCARE HEALTH PLANS, INC. 2005 EMPLOYEE STOCK PURCHASE PLAN WELLCARE HOLDINGS, LLC 2002 EMPLOYEE OPTION PLAN NON-PLAN TIME VESTING OPTION AGREEMENTS

(Full titles of plans)

Timothy S. Susanin
Senior Vice President and General Counsel
WellCare Health Plans, Inc.
8725 Henderson Road, Renaissance One
Tampa, Florida 33634
(Name and address of agent for service)

(813) 290-6200

(Telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act (Check one):

Large accelerated filer þ	Accelerated filer	
Non-accelerated filer (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)	Smaller reporting company	
	e Registration Statement shall hereafter become effective in action 8(c) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.	— ccordance

Deregistration of Previously Registered Shares

On November 5, 2004, WellCare Health Plans, Inc. a Delaware corporation ("WellCare") filed a Registration Statement on Form S-8, File No. 333-120257 (the "Registration Statement"), for the registration of 6,678,769 shares of WellCare common stock, par value \$.01 per share (the "Common Stock"), to be issued under the WellCare Health Plans, Inc. 2004 Equity Incentive Plan, the WellCare Health Plans, Inc. 2005 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the "ESPP"), the WellCare Holdings, LLC 2002 Employee Option Plan and certain non-plan option grants. On November 24, 2004, WellCare filed post-effective Amendment No. 1 to the Registration Statement ("Amendment No. 1") in order to correct a typographical error in Exhibit 4.7 to the Registration Statement by re-filing the exhibit, with corrections, as Exhibit 4.1 to Amendment No. 1.

On August 18, 2011, WellCare's Board of Directors terminated the ESPP. As of the date hereof, 375,054 of the shares of Common Stock registered under the Registration Statement with respect to the ESPP remain unissued (the "Unissued Shares"). WellCare is hereby filing this post-effective Amendment No. 2 to the Registration Statement in order to deregister the Unissued Shares.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the Registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Tampa, State of Florida, on August 22, 2011.

WellCare Health Plans, Inc.

By: /s/ Timothy S. Susanin

Timothy S. Susanin

Senior Vice President and General

Counsel

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this post-effective Amendment No. 2 to the Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons as of August 22, 2011 in the capacities indicated.

Signature Title

Director and

/s/ Alec Cunningham Chief Executive Officer
Alec Cunningham (Principal Executive Officer)

/s/ Thomas L. Tran Senior Vice President, Chief Financial

Officer

Thomas L. Tran (Principal Financial Officer)

/s/ Maurice S. Hebert Chief Accounting Officer
Maurice S. Hebert (Principal Accounting Officer)

/s/ Charles G. Berg Director

Charles G. Berg

/s/ Carol J. Burt Director

Carol J. Burt

/s/ David J. Gallitano Director

David J. Gallitano

/s/ D. Robert Graham Director

D. Robert Graham

/s/ Kevin F. Hickey Director

Kevin F. Hickey

/s/ Christian P. Michalik Director

Christian P. Michalik

/s/ Glenn D. Steele Director

Glenn D. Steele

/s/ William L. Trubeck Director

William L. Trubeck

/s/ Paul Weaver Director

Paul E. Weaver