

WELLCARE HEALTH PLANS, INC.

Form 8-K

December 07, 2006

**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): **December 7, 2006**

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.)

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

On December 7, 2006, Ace Hodgkin, M.D. notified the Registrant of his resignation as Senior Vice President and Chief Medical Officer of the Registrant effective December 31, 2006. Dr. Hodgkin is departing to pursue other career opportunities.

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.

December 7, 2006

WELLCARE HEALTH PLANS, INC.

/s/ Thaddeus Bereday

Thaddeus Bereday

Senior Vice President and General Counsel