

WELLCARE HEALTH PLANS, INC.

Form 8-K

January 18, 2008

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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): January 15, 2008

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.)

8735 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):

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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))



Item 1.01

Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On January 15, 2008, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (“CMS”) notified the Registrant of its approval of Service Area Expansion Application and Contract Renewal (“CMS Coordinated Care Notice”) of the agreement with WellCare of New York, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Registrant (“WC NY”). Under the CMS Coordinated Care Notice, WC NY will continue to provide Medicare coordinated care plans in New York. In addition, WC NY was approved to expand into 4 additional counties. The renewal is for a period of one year ending on December 31, 2008.

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.

Date: January 18, 2008

WELLCARE HEALTH PLANS, INC.  
/s/ Thaddeus Bereday  
Thaddeus Bereday  
Senior Vice President and General Counsel