

WELLCARE HEALTH PLANS, INC.  
Form 8-K  
July 14, 2005

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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):

July 12, 2005

WellCare Health Plans, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

001-32209

47-0937650

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

8725 Henderson Road, Renaissance One,  
Tampa, Florida

33634

(Address of principal executive offices)

(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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))



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**Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

On July 12, 2005, WellCare of New York, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Registrant, received approval from the Department of Health & Human Services Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services ("CMS") to provide Medicare Managed Care coverage in Orange County, New York. The service area expansion will be effective August 1, 2005. A copy of the amendment is attached as Exhibit 10.1 to this Current Report. A copy of the press release, dated July 14, 2005, announcing the amendment is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report.

In the interest of providing interested parties with full access to its federal, state and county contracts, the Registrant has elected to file such contracts with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Registrant does not believe that its business is substantially dependent on many of these contracts when each is taken individually.

**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On July 14, 2005, the Registrant filed a press release announcing the Registrant's receipt of approval from CMS to offer services to Medicare beneficiaries in Orange County, New York. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits.

10.1 Amendment to Contract (P00813) between Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services and WellCare of New York, Inc.

99.1 Press release, dated July 14, 2005.

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**SIGNATURES**

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

WellCare Health Plans, Inc.

*July 14, 2005*

By: */s/ Thaddeus Bereday*

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*Name: Thaddeus Bereday*

*Title: Senior Vice President and General Counsel*

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