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WELLCARE COMMENTS ON UNINTERRUPTED BUSINESS OPERATIONS

TAMPA, FL (October 26, 2007) — The primary focus of WellCare Health Plans, Inc. (NYSE: WCG) is to ensure that operations are running smoothly, provider claims are paid in a timely manner, customers' calls are answered and access to covered health care services for members is provided. "We continue to respond to Wednesday's developments in a direct, prompt and orderly manner," said Todd S. Farha, chairman and chief executive officer. "We remain committed to cooperating with the government throughout this process."

Consistent with the statement of the U.S. Attorney's Office, this investigation has not impacted the Company's ability to serve the best interest of its members, providers and business partners. Additionally, neither WellCare nor any officer or employee is charged with any crime.

Mr. Farha shared yesterday with employees the following operational statistics regarding WellCare's continued uninterrupted business operations:

- WellCare is financially sound, with over \$1 billion in cash and cash equivalents;
- Approximately 140,000 prescriptions were filled on Thursday for WellCare's members;
- WellCare's pharmaceutical care team interacted with over 5,000 patients and/or their physicians to discuss drug therapies on Thursday;
- WellCare processed approximately 6,000 authorization requests on Thursday;
- On Wednesday, WellCare processed over 75,000 claims totaling over \$8 million and continues to maintain industry leading claims turn around times; and
- As of mid-day Thursday, WellCare handled over 10,000 calls with an enterprise-wide service level of 98% and an average speed of answer of two seconds.

"These operational statistics point to the strength and stability of our underlying business operations. We intend to continue providing uninterrupted, high-quality service to our members, providers and other business partners," said Farha.

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About WellCare Health Plans, Inc.

WellCare Health Plans, Inc. provides managed care services exclusively for government-sponsored healthcare programs, focusing on Medicaid and Medicare. Headquartered in Tampa, Florida, WellCare offers a variety of health plans for families, children, the aged, blind and disabled and prescription drug plans, currently serving more than 2.3 million members nationwide. For more information about WellCare, please visit the Company's website at www.wellcare.com.

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