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

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**Via U.S. Mail and Facsimile: (617) 796-8385**

Mr. Bruce J. Mackey Jr.  
President and Chief Executive Officer  
Five Star Quality Care, Inc.  
400 Centre Street  
Newton, Massachusetts 02458

**Re: Five Star Quality Care, Inc.  
Form 10-K for fiscal year ended December 31, 2009  
Filed February 19, 2010  
File No. 001-16817**

Dear Mr. Mackey:

We have completed our review of your Form 10-K and have no further comments at this time.

Sincerely,

Larry Spigel  
Assistant Director