



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

July 7, 2011

Via Email

Scott A. Anderson
Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer
HCP, Inc
3760 Kilroy Airport Way
Suite 300
Long Beach, California, 90806

Re: HCP, Inc
Form 10-K
Filed February 15, 2011
File No. 001-08895

Dear Mr. Anderson:

We have reviewed your response letter dated May 23, 2011 and have the following additional comment. In our comment, we may ask you to provide us with information so we may better understand your disclosure.

Please respond to this letter within ten business days by amending your filing, by providing the requested information, or by advising us when you will provide the requested response. If you do not believe our comments apply to your facts and circumstances or do not believe an amendment is appropriate, please tell us why in your response.

After reviewing any amendment to your filing and the information you provide in response to these comments, we may have additional comments.

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1. We have considered your response to our prior comment. Based on your response, it does not appear that the fee paid to terminate the Sunrise agreements meets the definition of an initial direct leasing cost in accordance with ASC Topic 840-20-25-17. Accordingly, it appears that the fee represents a cost to terminate the management agreement and should be expensed when incurred. Please revise your financial statements accordingly.

You may contact Robert Telewicz, Staff Accountant, at (202) 551-3438 or the undersigned at (202) 551-3629 if you have questions.

Sincerely,

/s/ Kevin Woody

Kevin Woody
Accounting Branch Chief