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Mail Stop 4720

July 27, 2009

Robert E. Farnham
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
Health Management Associates, Inc.
5811 Pelican Bay Blvd, Suite 500
Naples, Florida 34108-2710

**Re: Health Management Associates, Inc.
Form 8-K filed February 23, 2007 in connection with a
Credit Agreement executed on February 16, 2007
File No. 001-11141
Research No. 09-05399**

Dear Mr. Farnham:

We have completed our review of your Form 8-K and have no further comments at this time.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Riedler,
Assistant Director