

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

Mail Stop 3561

January 26, 2010

Via U.S. Mail and Facsimile to (615) 373-1947

Mr. Joseph F. Furlong, III Chief Executive Officer American Homepatient, Inc. 5200 Maryland Way, Suite 400 Brentwood, TN 37027

Re: American Homepatient, Inc.

Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2008

Filed March 5, 2009

Form 10-Q for the Fiscal Quarter Ended September 30, 2009

Filed November 16, 2009

File No. 0-19532

Dear Mr. Furlong:

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

Sincerely,

Tia Jenkins Senior Assistant Chief Accountant Office of Beverages, Apparel and Health Care Services