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Ms. Velma T. Smith
Branch Chief
Securities and Exchange Commission
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Room 2531
100 F Street, NE
Washington, DC 20549

Dear Ms. Smith:

The New York Stock Exchange certifies approval for listing and registration under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, **FIVE STAR QUALITY CARE, INC.**, Common Stock, \$.01 par value per share, and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on January 31, 2011. Tentative listing date – February 4, 2011.

Sincerely,