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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., Junior Participating Preferred Stock Rights, and requests immediate acceleration of registration. Adequate distribution assured. Form 8-A received on January 31, 2011. Tentative listing date – February 4, 2011.

Sincerely,