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**Gov. Rick Scott Recognizes WellCare As A Top Job Producer**

*WellCare's Employment Has Increased 12 Percent Year-To-Date*



*Gray Swoope, Enterprise Florida President and CEO; Alec Cunningham, CEO of WellCare Health Plans, Inc.; First Lady Ann Scott; and Florida Gov. Rick Scott, during a recent awards ceremony held at the Governor's Mansion in Tallahassee, where WellCare was awarded the Governor's Top Job Producer Award for Florida-headquartered companies.*

**TAMPA, Fla. (Dec. 27, 2012)** – WellCare Health Plans, Inc. (NYSE: WCG) was presented the Governor's Top Job Producer Award for Florida-headquartered companies. Florida's Gov. Rick Scott presented WellCare's CEO Alec Cunningham with this award for the company's support and dedication to economic development and job creation during a recent ceremony held at the Florida Governor's Mansion in Tallahassee.

When speaking about this year's recipients, Gov. Scott said, "I am proud to announce another group of award winners. My number one mission is to grow jobs for Florida families, and the successes these companies have experienced represent the job opportunities being created in Florida."

The Governor's Top Job Producer Awards recognize outstanding contributions toward improving and diversifying Florida's economy. They also recognize distinctive community investment efforts, with a focus on industries targeting economic development and high-wage job growth.

"Nationally, WellCare's employment has increased 12 percent year-to-date with a workforce of more than 4,400 associates," said Cunningham. "It is an honor to be recognized for our efforts to increase hiring in support of strategic growth."

"We are committed to increasing access to quality, cost-efficient health care solutions for underserved Floridians," said Chrissie Cooper, president of WellCare's Florida and Hawaii Division. "We thank Gov. Scott for acknowledging our contribution to Florida's economy."

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Orlando, Enterprise Florida's mission is to facilitate job growth for Florida's businesses and citizens leading to a vibrant statewide economy. In pursuit of its mission, Enterprise Florida works closely with a statewide network of economic development partners and is funded both by the State of Florida and by private-sector businesses.

"The state takes pride in honoring WellCare and all the other companies for their success in job creation and helping to improve Florida's business climate," said Enterprise Florida President and CEO Gray Swoope. "Their contributions are vital to ensuring a promising future for everyone who lives and works in Florida."

#### **About WellCare Health Plans, Inc.**

WellCare Health Plans, Inc. provides managed care services targeted to government-sponsored health care programs, focusing on Medicaid and Medicare. Headquartered in Tampa, Florida, WellCare offers a variety of health plans for families, children, and the aged, blind, and disabled, as well as prescription drug plans. The company serves approximately 2.6 million members nationwide as of Sept. 30, 2012. For more information about WellCare, please visit the company's website at [www.wellcare.com](http://www.wellcare.com).

#### **About Enterprise Florida**

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