FIVE STAR QUALITY CARE INC Form 8-K December 13, 2004

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

> > FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): December 13, 2004

FIVE STAR QUALITY CARE, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Maryland

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

Commission File No. 1-16817

04-3516029 -----(IRS Employer Identification No.)

400 Centre Street, Newton, Massachusetts02458(Address of Principal Executive Offices)(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (617) 796-8387

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ITEM 8.01. OTHER EVENTS

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On December 13, 2004, we changed the transfer agent for our shares of stock from EquiServe Trust Company, N.A. to Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, or Wells Fargo. Wells Fargo now serves as our transfer agent and registrar. Additionally, Wells Fargo now is successor Rights Agent under the Rights Agreement, dated March 10, 2004, relating to our shareholder protection rights plan.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibits.

4.1 Appointment of Successor Rights Agent, dated as of December 13, 2004, by and between Five Star Quality Care, Inc. and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association. (Filed herewith)

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

FIVE STAR QUALITY CARE, INC.

By: /s/ Bruce J. Mackey Jr. Name: Bruce J. Mackey Jr. Title: Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer

Date: December 13, 2004