



November 28, 2012

Mr. Jim B. Rosenberg  
Senior Assistant Chief Accountant  
Division of Corporation Finance  
United States Securities and Exchange Commission  
450 Fifth Street, N.W.  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**Re: Molina Healthcare, Inc.**  
**Form 10-K for the Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2011**  
**Filed February 29, 2012**  
**Form 10-Q for the Quarterly Period Ended September 30, 2012**  
**Filed October 26, 2012**  
**File No. 001-31719**

Dear Mr. Rosenberg:

On behalf of Molina Healthcare, Inc. (the "Company"), this letter is in preliminary response to the comment letter to the Company dated November 20, 2012 from the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") relating to the above-referenced periodic filings of the Company.

The Commission's comment letter requests that we respond to the Commission's nine comments within ten business days by providing the requested information or by advising the Commission when we will provide the requested response. We are respectfully requesting an extension of time to respond to the comment letter, and will submit a comprehensive response on or before Friday, December 21, 2012.

Thank you very much for your consideration. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the undersigned at (916) 646 9193, ext. 114663, or Joseph W. White, the Company's Chief Accounting Officer, at (562) 435 3666, ext. 11566.

Respectfully submitted,

*/s/ Jeff D. Barlow*  
Jeff D. Barlow  
General Counsel

cc: Joseph M. Molina, M.D.  
John C. Molina, Chief Financial Officer  
Joseph W. White, Chief Accounting Officer  
Charles Z. Fedak, Audit Committee Chairman