



November 28, 2011

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, 2010
Filed March 8, 2011
Form 10-Q for the Quarterly Period Ended September 30, 2011
Filed October 28, 2011
File No. 1-31719

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 17, 2011 from the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") relating to the above-referenced periodic filings of the Company.

The letter requests that we respond to the Commission's five comments within ten business days by providing the requested information or by advising the Commission when we will provide the requested response. Because of scheduling coordination difficulties associated with the Thanksgiving holiday, we have respectfully requested an extension of an additional ten business days to respond to the letter. We will submit a comprehensive response on or before Friday, December 16, 2011. Mr. James Peklenk, Commission Staff Accountant, has indicated that the requested extension is acceptable to the Commission.

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: John C. Molina, Chief Financial Officer
Charles Z. Fedak, Audit Committee Chairman