

FIVE STAR QUALITY CARE INC  
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April 20, 2011

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**SCHEDULE 14A**

SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION

Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of  
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**FIVE STAR QUALITY CARE, INC.**  
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The following letter is first being mailed to shareholders on April 20, 2011:

**FIVE STAR QUALITY CARE, INC.**

**400 Centre Street**

**Newton, Massachusetts 02458**

April 18, 2011

Dear Shareholder:

We have previously sent you a notice regarding the availability of proxy materials for the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Five Star Quality Care, Inc. to be held on May 9, 2011. **Your Board of Directors unanimously recommends that shareholders vote FOR proposals 1, 2, 3 and 5, and FOR 3 YEARS on proposal 4.**

**Your vote is important** no matter how many or how few shares you may own. If you have not already done so, please vote **TODAY** by telephone, *via* the Internet, or by signing, dating and returning the enclosed proxy card in the envelope provided.

Very truly yours,

TRAVIS K. SMITH, *Secretary*

***REMEMBER:***

**You can vote your shares by telephone, or *via* the Internet.**

**Please follow the easy instructions on the enclosed card.**

If you have any questions, or need assistance in voting  
your shares, please call our proxy solicitor,

**INNISFREE M&A INCORPORATED**

**TOLL-FREE, at 1-877-825-8971.**