

Centene Corporation's Indiana Subsidiary Receives National Award for Asthma Management Program - Jun 10, 2011

ST. LOUIS, June 10, 2011 /PRNewswire/ -- Centene Corporation (NYSE: CNC) announced today that Managed Health Services (MHS), its Indiana subsidiary, won the 2011 National Environmental Leadership Award (Health Plan Division) in Asthma Management from the EPA (Environmental Protection Agency). The award, presented during the 2011 National Asthma Forum held June 9-10, 2011, in Washington, D. C., is the nation's highest honor for asthma control programs.

MHS' comprehensive asthma management program integrates a hands-on approach with a flexible outreach methodology that can be customized to suit the different age groups and populations it serves that are affected by asthma.

"Managed Health Services is honored to receive such an esteemed award for this important program for our members," said Patrick Rooney, President and CEO for MHS. "Our goal is to help our asthmatic members lead healthy and active lives through education and access to the care they need."

MHS began its asthma disease management program in 2007, working closely with Nurtur, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Centene that provides life, health and wellness programs. The program provides proactive identification of members, stratification into appropriate levels of intervention including home visits, culturally sensitive educational pieces, and robust outcomes reporting. It also includes aggressive care coordination to ensure patients have basic services such as transportation to the doctor, electricity to power the nebulizer, and a clean, safe home environment.

"This recognition represents a team effort between our health plans and specialty companies to offer comprehensive and specialized programs that result in improved outcomes for our members," said Mary Mason, M.D., Senior Vice President and Chief Medical Officer for Centene.

Nurtur's asthma disease management program has been accredited by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) since 2002, and URAC since 2009. The program has received numerous national awards including a TOP 10 Disease Management companies by Health Industry Research 2000-2006, a National Health Information Award from the Health Information Resource Center 1999-2006, and a Gold Recipient Award in E-Health Care in 2006.

About Centene Corporation

Centene Corporation, a Fortune 500 company, is a leading *multi-line* healthcare enterprise that provides programs and related services to the rising number of under-insured and uninsured individuals. Many receive benefits provided under Medicaid, including the State Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), as well as Aged, Blind or Disabled (ABD), Foster Care and long-term care, in addition to other state-sponsored programs, and Medicare (Special Needs Plans). Centene's CeltiCare subsidiary offers states unique, "exchange based" and other cost-effective coverage solutions for low-income populations. The Company operates local health plans and offers a range of health insurance solutions. It also contracts with other healthcare and commercial organizations to provide specialty services including behavioral health, life and health management, managed vision, telehealth services, and pharmacy benefits management. More information regarding Centene is available at www.centene.com.

About Managed Health Services

Managed Health Services Indiana (MHS), a subsidiary of Centene, is a health maintenance organization that has been serving the Hoosier Healthwise and Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) population in partnership with the Hoosier Healthwise Program since 1994 and Healthy Indiana Plan since 2011. More information is available at www.mhsindiana.com.

About Nurtur

Nurtur Health, Inc. (Nurtur), a wholly owned subsidiary of Centene, is a life, health and wellness company that provides health management and work-life programs and services to multi-market segments including government agencies, benefit plan sponsors, commercial health plans, employers, third party administrators (TPAs) and unions. More information regarding Nurtur is available at www.nurturhealth.com.

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