

Centene's Mississippi Subsidiary Awarded Accredited Rating By NCQA - Jan 24, 2014

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 24, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- Centene Corporation (NYSE: CNC) today announced that its wholly-owned Mississippi subsidiary, Magnolia Health Plan, has earned Accreditation from the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA). The Accredited rating is awarded to organizations with programs for service and clinical quality that meet basic requirements for consumer protection and quality improvement.

"The team at Magnolia Health Plan is proud to receive our NCQA Accreditation. This achievement sends a clear message that Magnolia Health Plan is serious about quality improvement and dedicated to making Mississippi a healthier state," said Jason B. Dees, D.O. FFAFP, Magnolia President and CEO. "Achieving this level of Accreditation showcases our strengths including collaboration, teamwork, commitment to comprehensive member care, strong innovative outreach to members and dedication to constantly evaluating ourselves and looking for opportunities to enhance the way we impact the lives of those we serve. I am proud of the team and the dedication that this level of achievement signifies."

"Achieving Accreditation from NCQA is a sign that a health plan is serious about quality," said Margaret E. O'Kane, President of NCQA.

NCQA is a private, non-profit organization dedicated to improving health care quality. NCQA accredits and certifies a wide range of health care organizations. It also recognizes clinicians and practices in key areas of performance. NCQA is committed to providing health care quality information for consumers, purchases, health care providers and researchers.

### **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 (LTC), in addition to other state-sponsored/hybrid programs, and Medicare (Special Needs Plans). 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, care management software, correctional systems healthcare, in-home health services, life and health management, managed vision, pharmacy benefits management, specialty pharmacy and telehealth services.

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