

Centene's Missouri Subsidiary Receives Accreditation Rating by NCQA - Aug 28, 2014

ST. LOUIS, Aug. 28, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- Centene Corporation (NYSE: CNC) announced today that its wholly-owned Missouri subsidiary, Home State Health, has earned Medicaid and Marketplace HMO accreditation by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA).

NCQA is a private, not-for-profit organization with a strong record of over 20 years as a leading accreditor of health plans. NCQA Accreditation is a nationally recognized evaluation that regulators and consumers use to assess managed care plans. To receive the seal of approval, the health plan is measured on over 60 standards in 40 different areas. For consumers and employers, the seal is a reliable indicator that an organization is well-managed and delivers high quality of care and service (ncqa.org).

Since July 2012, Home State Health has provided services to MO HealthNet Managed Care beneficiaries in Missouri. With nearly 60,000 members, Home State Health connects children and families to a comprehensive system of medical and behavioral health providers, including a network of over 2,500 primary care physicians and 10,000 specialists.

"By earning NCQA Accreditation, Home State Health has sent a clear message that quality health care is a top priority for the health plan," said Shannon Bagley, President and CEO for Home State Health. "Home State Health collaborates with local partners to provide members with access to innovative health management solutions that are structured to increase engagement and improved health outcomes for the children and families we serve. The accreditation seal reaffirms our staff's expertise and commitment to delivering integrated, comprehensive member care. The staff's continued dedication to excellence has enabled Home State Health to achieve this recognition."

About Centene Corporation

Centene Corporation, a Fortune 500 company, is a leading *multi-line* healthcare enterprise that provides programs and services to government sponsored healthcare programs, focusing on 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.

About Home State Health

Home State Health is a Medicaid private health plan contracted to provide services under the Missouri Department of Social Services MO HealthNet managed care program. Home State Health, a subsidiary of Centene Corporation, was formed in partnership with Missouri Primary Care Association (MPCA) and participating Community Health Centers.

Home State Health provides services to nearly 60,000 children and families across Missouri and is dedicated to transforming the health of the communities in which we live, work and serve through improved access to quality healthcare and whole-person care coordination and support services. Through collaboration with local advocate groups, Home State Health develops innovative solutions that are designed to eliminate barriers that affect quality healthcare and individuals' well-being for members.

Information regarding Home State Health is available via the internet at www.HomeStateHealth.com

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