

Centene's Texas Subsidiary Announces Contract Award For STAR Kids - Oct 12, 2015

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 12, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- Centene Corporation (NYSE: CNC) today announced that its wholly-owned Texas subsidiary, Superior HealthPlan, Inc., has been awarded a contract by the Texas Health and Human Services Commission (HHSC) to serve STAR Kids Medicaid recipients. The new STAR Kids Medicaid managed care program will begin in the Fall of 2016.

The new contract will cover the Bexar, El Paso, Hidalgo, Lubbock, Nueces, MRSA West and Travis service delivery areas. STAR Kids will be the first Medicaid managed care program specifically serving youth, age 20 and younger, who receive disability-related Medicaid.

"Superior has been serving children since 1999, and serving adult aged and disabled members since 2010," said K. Rone Baldwin, Executive Vice President, Insurance Group, for Centene. "Adding STAR Kids is a natural transition and an area where our expertise can truly help improve member outcomes."

"No two members' needs are the same," said Tom Wise, President and Chief Executive Officer for Superior HealthPlan. "Through STAR Kids, Superior can coordinate care that is tailored to the complex needs of each child. This includes everything from immediate doctor visits to more long-term needs like rehabilitative services or personal attendant services."

Superior HealthPlan currently serves 969,700 Texans in STAR, CHIP, STAR+PLUS and STAR Health. The addition of STAR Kids to Superior HealthPlan portfolio makes Superior HealthPlan the only managed care organization in the state to participate in all Medicaid product lines.

### **About Centene Corporation**

Centene Corporation, a Fortune 500 company, is a diversified, multi-national healthcare enterprise that provides a portfolio of 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 management, care management software, correctional healthcare services, dental benefits management, in-home health services, life and health management, managed vision, pharmacy benefits management, specialty pharmacy and telehealth services.

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