

Centene, Walgreens and RxAdvance Announce Partnership to Provide Innovative Pharmacy Management Model
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ST. LOUIS and DEERFIELD, Ill., Oct. 17, 2019 /PRNewswire/ -- Centene Corporation (NYSE: CNC), Walgreens and RxAdvance today announced a strategic partnership to introduce an innovative model for pharmacy management that aims to increase transparency, enhance customer experience and ultimately result in better health outcomes at lower costs. The partnership builds upon an existing Centene and Walgreens relationship, leveraging Walgreens trusted retail pharmacy expertise and Centene's national leadership in providing comprehensive health care services to the underserved, while also utilizing RxAdvance's innovative pharmacy benefit management model powered by its Collaborative PBM Cloud platform.

There is a growing need for new approaches to pharmacy benefit management, particularly to serve the Medicaid population. This partnership addresses the need for leading companies to collaborate on a better model, and one which provides higher quality care and lower pricing for drugs.

"Centene is committed to supporting a transparent pharmacy benefit management model that is sustainable with higher quality care for members at a lower cost to our customers," said Michael F. Neidorff, chairman, president and CEO, Centene. "This new approach to pharmacy management will improve the transparency and quality of care, while reducing unnecessary medical costs for millions of people."

Using RxAdvance's Collaborative PBM Cloud™ transactional platform and clinical intelligence, the companies will work together to improve overall patient care across the continuum of health care and to offer such a model to other large payers.

"Collaboration between retail pharmacies and payers like Centene can further transform the way we provide care," said Stefano Pessina, executive vice chairman and CEO, Walgreens Boots Alliance, Inc. "Using RxAdvance's Collaborative PBM Cloud, our partnership can empower our pharmacists to make critical decisions at the point of sale to help improve adherence and also to reduce avoidable medical costs."

The parties have identified initial markets to deploy the partnership model and are working with community leaders on new pharmacy models.

Further exemplifying this commitment, Walgreens has made a small investment in RxAdvance, and Centene has increased its stake in RxAdvance, following its initial investment announced in March 2018.

"I am excited that today we have partners across the care continuum – Centene and Walgreens – who are committed to the power of RxAdvance's collaborative PBM model, and to completely reimagine what is possible in this industry," said Ravi Ika, founder and CEO, RxAdvance. "By pushing the limits of innovative technology and existing transaction standards, there is a clear path forward to reduce administrative costs, avoidable medical costs, and to improve overall quality of care."

About Centene Corporation

Centene Corporation, a Fortune 100 company, is a diversified, multi-national healthcare enterprise that provides a portfolio of services to government sponsored and commercial 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 Services and Supports (LTSS), in addition to other state-sponsored programs, Medicare (including the Medicare prescription drug benefit commonly known as "Part D"), dual eligible programs and programs with the U.S. Department of Defense. Centene also provides healthcare services to groups and individuals delivered through commercial health plans. Centene 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, commercial programs, home-based primary care services, life and health management, vision benefits management, pharmacy benefits management, specialty pharmacy and telehealth services.

Centene uses its investor relations website to publish important information about the Company, including information that may be deemed material to investors. Financial and other information about Centene is routinely posted and is accessible on Centene's investor relations website, <http://www.centene.com/investors>.

About Walgreens

Walgreens (walgreens.com), one of the nation's largest drugstore chains, is included in the Retail Pharmacy USA Division of Walgreens Boots Alliance, Inc. (NASDAQ: WBA), the first global pharmacy-led, health and wellbeing

enterprise. Approximately 8 million customers interact with Walgreens in stores and online each day, using the most convenient, multichannel access to consumer goods and services and trusted, cost-effective pharmacy, health and wellness services and advice. As of Aug. 31, 2018, Walgreens operates 9,560 drugstores with a presence in all 50 states, the District of Columbia, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, along with its omni-channel business, Walgreens.com. Approximately 400 Walgreens stores offer Healthcare Clinic or other provider retail clinic services.

About RxAdvance

RxAdvance is an innovative national full-service pharmacy benefit manager (PBM) that leverages their Collaborative PBM Cloud™ platform to deliver integrated services that reduce overall pharmacy costs and avoidable drug-impacted medical costs while optimizing specialty spend. In addition, standing shoulder-to-shoulder with plan sponsors, RxAdvance offers a global pharmacy risk partnership model. Our tailored, world-class services are for all plan sponsors — health plans, accountable care organizations (ACOs), exchanges, state Medicaid programs, and employer groups. We provide contractually guaranteed savings in administrative costs, ingredient unit costs, and rebate revenues. For more information, visit www.rxadvance.com.

Forward-Looking Statements

All statements in this release that are not historical are forward-looking statements made pursuant to the safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Without limiting the foregoing, forward-looking statements often use words such as "believe," "anticipate," "plan," "expect," "estimate," "intend," "seek," "target," "goal," "may," "will," "would," "could," "should," "can," "continue" and other similar words or expressions (and the negative thereof). In particular, these statements include, without limitation, statements about our future operating or financial performance, market opportunity, growth strategy, competition and investments. These forward-looking statements reflect current views with respect to future events and are based on numerous assumptions and assessments made in light of current experience and perception of historical trends, current conditions, business strategies, operating environments, future developments and other factors believed to be appropriate. These forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance and involve risks, assumptions and uncertainties, including those described in: "Risk Factors" appearing in the registration statement on Form S-4 filed by Centene Corporation with the Securities Exchange Commission on May 23, 2019; Item 1A (Risk Factors) of the Walgreens Boots Alliance, Inc. Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended August 31, 2018; and in other documents that Centene Corporation, Walgreens Boots Alliance and RxAdvance may file or furnish with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Should one or more of these risks or uncertainties materialize, or should underlying assumptions prove incorrect, actual results from this collaborative effort may vary materially. These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date they are made and are based only on information available on the date hereof. Except to the extent required by law, Centene Corporation, Walgreens Boots Alliance, Walgreens and RxAdvance do not undertake, and expressly disclaim, any duty or obligation to update publicly any forward-looking statement after the date of this release, whether as a result of new information, future events, changes in assumptions or otherwise. You should not place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements, as actual results may differ materially.

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