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Centene Programs Awarded By Medicaid Health Plans Of America

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 1, 2015 /PRNewswire/ -- Centene Corporation (NYSE: CNC) announced today that two of its programs implemented by its subsidiaries were recognized by Medicaid Health Plans of America (MHPA). The Home-Based Primary Care Program was awarded the Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS) Award, and the Addiction in Pregnancy Program was awarded the Maternal Health Award. The Best Practices Awards honor Medicaid health plans for their exemplary programs that have improved the health of Medicaid enrollees by ensuring high-quality care.

The Home-Based Primary Care Program is a component of Centene's comprehensive home care program through its Michigan-based subsidiary, U.S. Medical Management (USMM). The program began in 2014 and aims to reduce unnecessary hospitalizations through affiliated visiting physician association practices that provide direct primary care to homebound at-risk Medicaid beneficiaries with multiple chronic conditions. Specifically, the program's goal is to provide enhanced access to health services and quality of life for complex populations by removing barriers to receiving care.

The Addiction in Pregnancy Program is a component of Centene's neonatal program through its Ohio subsidiary, Buckeye Health Plan. The program aims to serve as a best practice that identifies pregnant members with addiction problems and provides integrated case management through the obstetric care managers and behavioral health care managers. Since implementation in October 2013, Buckeye Health has enrolled 114 members in the Addiction in Pregnancy Program, including 55 deliveries.

"We are honored to receive these awards by MHPA for both the Home-Based Primary Care Program and the Addiction in Pregnancy Program," said Dr. Ken Yamaguchi, Executive Vice President and Chief Medical Officer for Centene. "The dedicated staff members at U.S. Medical Management and Buckeye Health Plan strive to deliver the most advanced programs to help our members choose healthy decisions for themselves and their family."

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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