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# Centene's Florida Subsidiary Awarded Commendable Accreditation Rating From NCQA

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 18, 2014 /PRNewswire/ -- Centene Corporation (NYSE: CNC) today announced that its wholly-owned Florida subsidiary, Sunshine Health, was elevated to Commendable Accreditation by the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA) for its Medical Managed Assistance and Child Welfare programs. NCQA evaluates how well a health plan manages all parts of its delivery system – physicians, hospitals, other providers, and administrative services in order to continuously improve the quality of care and services provided to its members.

"We are very pleased that Sunshine Health received Commendable Accreditation from NCQA. The accreditation process is rigorous, and it affords us a unique opportunity to identify how we can improve our coordinated services and quality ratings," said Chris Paterson, CEO, Sunshine Health. "This is a big achievement for Sunshine Health. It directly reflects the strong commitment of our staff to routinely evaluate our processes; looking for ways to enhance how we impact the lives of the members we serve."

Sunshine Health serves 400,000 Medicaid members under its Managed Medical Assistance and Child Welfare programs statewide.

NCQA is a private, nonprofit 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, purchasers, 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 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 Sunshine Health**

Sunshine Health is a Medicaid managed care health plan that has served Florida members since 2009. As one of the largest medical benefit administrators, offering coordinated care and a network of support, we are committed to improving the health of the community, one

person at a time. Sunshine Health is a wholly owned subsidiary of Centene Corporation, a leading multi-line healthcare enterprise offering both core Medicaid and specialty services. For more information about Sunshine Health, please visit us on the Web at [www.sunshinehealth.com](http://www.sunshinehealth.com).

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