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## **Centene's Kansas Subsidiary Awarded Commendable Accreditation Status From NCQA**

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 7, 2016 /PRNewswire/ -- Centene Corporation (NYSE: CNC) announced today that its wholly-owned Kansas subsidiary, Sunflower Health Plan, has received national Health Plan Accreditation with a Commendable status from the National Committee for Quality Assurance (NCQA). NCQA Health Plan Accreditation 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.

"Earning Commendable NCQA Accreditation is an important milestone in Sunflower Health's commitment to quality and performance improvement across services," said Rone Baldwin, Executive Vice President, Markets at Centene.

"Achieving an accreditation status of Commendable from NCQA is a sign that a health plan is serious about quality," said Margaret E. O'Kane, president, NCQA. "It is awarded to plans whose service and clinical quality meet or exceed NCQA's rigorous requirements for consumer protection and quality improvement."

Sunflower Health is a Medicaid managed care health plan that serves more than 145,000 members. The network currently includes 173 hospitals and more than 20,000 contracted providers and facilities.

The NCQA is a private, nonprofit organization dedicated to improving health care quality. The NCQA accredits and certifies a wide range of health care organizations. It also recognizes clinicians and practices in key areas of performance. The 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 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 programs, Medicare (including the Medicare prescription drug benefit commonly known as "Part D"), as well as programs with the U.S. Department of Defense and U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. 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, in-home health services, life and health management, managed vision, 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>.

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