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To: Chambers, Jennifer; Tomashoff, Jon

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Subject: Hearing Regarding the proposed acquistion of Health Net Life by Centene Corporation -- Jan 22, 2016

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Dear Ms. Chambers and Mr. Tomashoff,

On behalf of Heritage Provider Network, I plan to testify in person at the Department's Hearing on January 22 in support of the proposed merger of Health Net Life with Centene. Heritage supports this merger because we have worked extensively with Health Net over many years and they have been responsive to our providers and overall a responsible partner. We believe that the merger will make Health Net financially stronger to compete in the market. As there is no geographic overlap of market areas between Health Net and Centene, there will be no consolidation of health plans for our providers. Finally, Centene's commitment to continuing with local, knowledgeable management to run their combined business makes us supportive of this merger.

Please let me know if this is sufficient notice to deliver very brief oral testimony at the hearing or if you require my remarks in advance.

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