

January 4, 2016

Honorable Dave Jones California Insurance Commissioner 300 Capitol Mall, Suite 1700 Sacramento, CA 95814-2724

Dear Commissioner Jones:

The Los Angeles Area Chamber of Commerce (The Chamber) is southern California's largest nonprofit business federation, representing over 1,600 businesses of every size across a variety of industries. I write to express our strong support for the emerging partnership between Health Net, Inc. and the Centene Corporation.

Health Net is a California-based company creating jobs as one of the largest employers in the City of Los Angeles, while delivering managed care services through employer-sponsored plans and government-sponsored managed care programs. Centene and Health Net share similar philosophies and together will enhance their ability to serve members and work collaboratively and effectively with providers and government partners. The proposed partnership will strengthen Health Net's presence in California by continuing to leverage a local approach, enhance members' access to higher quality healthcare services on a cost-effective basis, and ensure measurable quality outcomes.

Californians will have the benefit of a stronger health insurer to effectively compete in the marketplace, helping to ensure more consumer choice throughout the Golden State. The combined entity of Health Net and Centene will expand resources to more regions throughout the state, allowing for additional innovative solutions for value-based healthcare.

It is for these reasons and many more that the Chamber supports the Health Net and Centene partnership. If you have any questions, please contact Jessica Duboff, Vice-President of Public Policy at jduboff@lachamber.com or 213.580.7585. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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