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River City Medical Group (RCMG) would like to testify in support of the Centene/Health Net merger.

RCMG is a local Sacramento based medical group that exclusively serves the Medi-Cal Managed Care population. RCMG has had a strong partnership with Health Net for over 20 years. I personally as an Anthem Blue Cross administrator have been part of a national Medicaid team working hard to compete against strong Medicaid programs funded by Centene. After careful discussion with leaders from both Health Net and Centene, I am comfortable about their combind future. I have been given commitments that indicate that Centene will be helping fund Medi-Cal specific innovations for California through Health Net's delegated IPA provider network. This new model for California has the potential of significantly improving the existing Health Net Medi-Cal program by assisting existing Medi-Cal focused IPA's to implement proven quality health programs from Centene's other non California operations. Further, RCMG has been given the understanding that the delegated IPA model will be utilized in the rural counties where Centene currently has a more limited fee-for-service direct network model.

Overall - RCMG has been given assurances that the existing California leadership will remain in leadership but will be able to integrate the Centene best practices into the California Health Net model.

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