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Commissioner Dave Jones
California Department of Insurance
300 Capitol Mall, Suite 1700
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CalViva Health is a local Medi-Cal health plan serving residents in Fresno, Kings, and Madera counties serving more than 360,000 consumers. Governed by the Fresno-Kings-Madera Regional Health Authority, CalViva Health has a strong local presence with ongoing input from enrolled members, health care providers, and the community. Health Net has been a long-standing partner with Cal Viva in providing health care coverage to our Medi-Cal beneficiaries.

Health Net, much like Centene, is committed to serving low- to moderate-income populations in a cost-effective and quality manner. The proposed partnership will bring similar yet distinct assets from different markets together to enhance their ability to serve members and government partners across the state. Combining similar philosophies and bringing additional resources to the California market will result in stronger product lines to benefit consumers.

The combined Health Net-Centene entity, will also strengthen Health Net's presence in California by leveraging a local approach with national best practices to ensure affordable access to health care.

It is for these reasons and many more that Cal Viva supports the Health Net and Centene partnership. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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