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January 13, 2016

Commissioner Dave Jones  
State of California Department of Insurance  
45 Fremont Street, 24th Floor  
San Francisco, CA 94105

Dear Commissioner Jones:

On behalf of the Community Clinic Association of Los Angeles County (CCALAC), I am pleased to express our support for the emerging partnership between Health Net, Inc. and Centene Corporation.

Founded in 1994, CCALAC represents the interests of 58 community clinics and health centers that operate over 300 clinic sites across LA County. Our members provide comprehensive primary care services including medical, dental and mental health to over 1.4 million uninsured, underinsured, and low-income residents in the county.

CCALAC and our members have enjoyed a longstanding partnership with Health Net as one of LA County's two Medi-Cal managed care plans. Most recently, CCALAC and Health Net worked closely to successfully implement the Affordable Care Act (ACA) in LA County, including planning the successful transition of thousands of Low Income Health Program (LIHP) members into the Medi-Cal program. Our strong partnership has resulted in the successful initial enrollment of patients and other community members into Covered California, an effort that continues today. Other areas of partnership include improving oral health access and outcomes, enrolling communities into coverage, and expanding networks to improve parity in mental health services.

Health Net and Centene share a similar focus on serving low to moderate income populations through Medi-Cal in various parts of California. We are hopeful that the Centene partnership will enhance Health Net's ability to serve its members and work collaboratively effectively with partners. We expect that the partnership between these plans will result in improved access to care and coordination of resources, as well as strengthened data systems to support improved patient outcomes in LA County. CCALAC looks forward to working with Health Net and Centene to improve the systems of care that support our most vulnerable populations.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Louise McCarthy".

Louise McCarthy, MPP  
President & CEO