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Centene Corporation Joins America's Agenda: Health Care for All

America's Agenda: Health Care for All announced today the addition of a new member organization: Centene Corporation.

Centene Corporation, a Fortune 500 company, works in partnership with the federal government, health care providers, and states across the country to address the health needs of low-income and at-risk individuals, primarily those receiving Medicaid. Centene has successfully ensured the delivery of high quality, coordinated health care, while achieving significant cost savings and efficiencies for the states.

“Centene has an impressive record of success,” observed America’s Agenda President Doug Dority. “We’re excited about the valuable perspective and guidance Centene will bring to our work toward adoption of successful state, union, and business strategies to reign in rising health costs and improve care quality.”

Jonathan Dinesman, Centene’s Senior Vice President for Government Relations will represent Centene Corporation on the America’s Agenda Board of Directors. “Jonathan brings years of health sector experience,” observed board member former Congressman Dick Gephardt. “He’ll be an outstanding addition to our Board.”

“The America’s Agenda emphasis on team-based care delivery, care coordination, and evidence-based best practices is consistent with Centene’s proven approach to care quality improvement and cost reduction,” said Centene’s Dinesman. “We see potential to create powerful new synergies as a member of America’s Agenda.”

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Centene is the first publicly-traded managed care organization to have experience with a state health insurance exchange through its successful partnership with the Massachusetts Health Connector Authority. America's Agenda Executive Director Mark Blum said, "The perspective Centene brings from its unique experience in Massachusetts will be an important asset in our work toward adoption of "smart" state health insurance exchanges that will harness insurance market competition to offer consumers higher quality, more affordable options for care delivery."

America's Agenda's has assigned a high priority, also, to working directly with union and employer health plans to implement aggressive cost-reduction strategies grounded in team-based coordination and increased efficiency in delivery of high quality care.

"There's no doubt that Centene's membership can extend our reach and strengthen our joint capabilities in all these areas," said Blum. "They're a great addition to the America's Agenda team."

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America's Agenda is an alliance of national labor unions, businesses, health care providers, and government leaders who share a common commitment to guaranteeing access to affordable, high quality health care for every American.