

July 22, 2018

ADAPT
4513 Tyson Ave.
Philadelphia PA 19135

Dear ADAPT,

On behalf of Centene Corporation and the members of Centene's National Disability Advisory Council, I write to express our formal support for the Disability Integration Act (H.R. 2472, Sensenbrenner-R) and S. 910 (Schumer – D), which clarifies in statute that every individual who is eligible for long-term services and supports (LTSS) has a federally protected right to be meaningfully integrated into that individual's community and receive community-based LTSS.

Centene is a multi-national healthcare company that provides services to over 12 million members in government-sponsored healthcare programs, including Medicaid, the State Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), as well as Aged, Blind or Disabled (ABD), Foster Care, and Long Term Services and Supports (LTSS). We provide LTSS to nearly 270,000 members through MLTSS and Financial Alignment Initiative programs in 10 states.

As one of the largest MLTSS health plans in the country, Centene supports ending our nation's outdated reliance on costly institutional care. Today, states and MLTSS plans are obligated to provide institutional care to anyone who needs that level of care but no such default exists for home and community-based services (HCBS). In fact, individual access to HCBS is frequently restricted by different state eligibility standards and enrollment limits. Empowering individuals who can and want to remain at home is paramount when providing true person-centered care to those needing LTSS.

As we celebrate the 28th anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) this week, Centene stands in support of ADAPT's efforts to pass the DIA and make the unfulfilled promise of the ADA a reality for our nation's citizens who need LTSS.

Sincerely,



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