

Sent: Thursday, May 28, 2015 11:24 AM
To: KEELING Ryan W * DCBS
Subject: Sale of Trillium to Centene

Hello Mr. Keeling.

As a mental health therapist working with children and families covered by the Oregon Health Plan, I am very concerned about the sale of Trillium to a Fortune 500 company. Most of my client families are living below the poverty line, which puts them at risk for a multitude of social problems that are expensive to treat, and even more expensive to ignore. I am an early intervention specialist, with focus on mental health treatment for the youngest and most vulnerable in our community. The prospective sale of our publically funded insurance would profit the wealthy corporate machine that is Centene, and would be at the expense of quality treatment available for the least among us. As more "middle men" are added to the top, funds for treatment will undoubtedly and systematically be siphoned off from treatment programs and resources. My clients and the thousands like them across Oregon are seeking mental health services because they want to improve their lives and the lives of their children. Please do whatever you can to keep funding sources from being diluted at the top so that the citizens who are most at risk for mental illness, dropping out of school, teen pregnancy, addiction, and incarceration can get the help and support they need to build resiliency and healthy lives. A highly functioning society requires the physical and mental health of all its citizens. Adding unnecessary brokers at the top of funding distribution will decrease services for the people who the funds are intended for. If we allow corporate entities to engulf social service resources, we will pay an incalculable price for generations to come.

Please stop the sale of Trillium to a Fortune 500 company, and continue to use public funds to serve the public.

Sincerely,

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