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In response to the buyout of Trillium by Centene, I have many concerns.

As a Pediatrician in Lane County for 23 years, 40% of my patients are Trillium patients, I feel I have a very good idea of what their needs are, and am not at all convinced this is good for our 100,000 Trillium patients in Lane County.

It is obvious that Centene is making an obscene profit on federal dollars allocated for health care, and they are publicly professing to do so by limiting access to emergency rooms, limit hospitalization, limit access to 'high cost' procedures and tests, and taking over management of chronically ill patients...(what does all that even mean?) yet they promise vaguely to improve access to things like dental care, behavioral health and telemedicine.

We do not have enough providers in Lane County for these services, and having a Fortune 500 company that makes huge profits on the stock market buy out Trillium and manage from afar a group of people they DO NOT understand nor care about is not only unhealthy for the patients in Lane county, it will weaken our current community's relationships between Providers and hospitals, local organizations and businesses, etc. The ONLY way a company like Centene can take Medicaid dollars and become HUGELY profitable is to do it at the expense of either the patients, the providers, the community or all of the above.

How does Centene plan to solve the Access problem? How do they plan to solve the Behavioral health access problem? The Dental care access problem? Are they planning on working with our current providers and hospitals and community organizations to help them thrive, or are they planning to take over with their own version of 'cost effective care', and actually 'compete' with our community to provide care for Trillium Patients? How is this all going to draw us together as a community to take care of our patients better? How can you cut cost and access and make a HUGE profit in the stock market if you aren't taking money from someones pocket or mouth?

Also, what does Centene invest in? Is it ethical? I have heard a lot about 'insider trading' etc. We have put you in the position of responsibility to look into these things and make sure our federal money allocated for Medicaid patients is being spent in an ethical and responsible way. What exactly are you saying 'yes' to?? Do you know? I sure do not.

Trillium stockholders are local, they are local doctors who take care of Trillium patients, they are local businesses who are involved in making the community a better place, they are making a

Profit, a modest one compared with Centene, but one more in line with what I would think is ethical given the circumstances.

With the buy out, they will make a huge lump sum with the potential to make a lot more as a stockholder in Centene. Is this ethical?

Trillium was doing a fabulous job becoming one of the MOST successful CCO's in the county WITHOUT CENTENE! I believed them to be an doing an excellent job, they went from a 4 million dollar profit to a 22 million dollar profit...isn't that a sign of a healthy CCO? Don't the local stock holders feel that is enough money to make? Should they be allowed to sell out, and make a large sum of money by handing us over to a giant corporation who will then tell us (from across the country) how to take care of our most vulnerable population, dictating who is going to do it and how? I can't imagine this is better than keeping it local, in the hands of local caregivers and businesses who have an investment in the people in Lane county.

Please think this over carefully. You do not have to say YES if you are not sure what you are saying YES to.

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