

Exhibit 8



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Wednesday, November 25, 2020

Assistant General Counsel Kiran Mehta or FOIA Officer
Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services
via email to: kiran.mehta@illinois.gov
Attn: FOIA Request

Dear FOIA Ms. Mehta or Officer:

Thank you for accepting this request for public records filed under the Illinois FOIA and all applicable federal and state open records laws.

BACKGROUND: NextLevel Health Partners ("NextLevel") and its affiliates operated as a Managed Care Organization (MCO) that served Illinois Medicaid recipients through programs authorized by IDHFS. In 2020, NextLevel sought DHFS approval to sell and transfer its approximately 54,000 members to Meridian Health Plan of Illinois Inc. (a subsidiary of Centene Corp) in sales agreements that totaled \$2 million and other considerations. These sales agreements were authorized by IDHFS, according to documents.⁽¹⁾

The BGA hereby requests:

- All IDHFS documents including agreements, contracts or other records showing IDHFS regulatory approval and clearance for these transfers of Illinois Medicaid members from NextLevel to Meridian/Centene.

- MCO records gathered by IDHFS including but not limited to: offer letters; sales agreements; MCO board minutes and resolutions; calculations of per member per month (PMPM) rates or other factors determining total sales cost; IDHFS' determination of the final dollar amount of the sales and transfers.

- Documents including agreements, contracts or other records showing any steps IDHFS took to ensure NextLevel and Meridian/Centene fulfill all obligations respecting the transfer of members to other MCOs, including record maintenance, access and reporting requirements, and any obligations to subcontractors, providers or Medicaid clients.

- Any records showing IDHFS required the transaction parties to complete a readiness review or other process before the transfer of Illinois Medicaid members under the Sales Agreements.

- Any records showing IDHFS or the transaction parties offered transferring members the choice of MCOs outside the normal open enrollment process and assignment by IDHFS when appropriate.

- Any dockets or other records showing the calendar for IDHFS review.

As The Better Government Association is a nonprofit newsroom serving Illinois citizens, and we are on deadline, we appreciate anything you can do to expedite this request.

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This request is in the public interest as it pertains to the health and safety of Illinois citizens and to the fundamental right of Illinoisans to be informed about the workings of their government agencies. Accordingly, the BGA requests a fee waiver.

If this request presents any undue burdens, please let me know as soon as possible, as we may consider tailoring the request to expedite release of the most vital data. If I can be of assistance in any other way, please contact me at 312-451-7023 or dyjackson@bettergov.org.

Sincerely,

David Jackson, Reporter
The Better Government Association

(1) Centene's Illinois Subsidiary to Acquire Membership of NextLevel Health Partners, ST. LOUIS, June 30, 2020 /PRNewswire/ -- Centene Corporation (NYSE: CNC) announced today that its Illinois subsidiary, Meridian Health Plan of Illinois, Inc. ("Meridian"), and NextLevel Health Partners, Inc. ("NLHP"), a health plan serving Medicaid members in Cook County, Illinois, have entered into a Member Transfer Agreement. Under the agreement, Meridian will be assigned 100% of NLHP's approximately 54,000 members who access benefits from the Illinois Department of Healthcare and Family Services' HealthChoice Illinois Program.

NextLevel Sept 30 2020 NAIC Quarterly Statement: NextLevel sold its membership to Meridian Health Plan of Illinois Inc. (a subsidiary of Centene Corp) on July 1, 2020 for \$2M plus the forgiveness of the principal and accrued interest on the convertible note held by Innovations.