



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **PEACH STATE HEALTH PLAN ANNOUNCES 2008 PHYSICIAN SUMMIT AWARD HONOREES -- Physicians Recognized for Providing Quality Care to Peach State Members --**

**Smyrna, Georgia (March 25, 2008)**—Peach State Health Plan (Peach State), a wholly-owned subsidiary of Centene Corporation (NYSE: CNC), in collaboration with the Centene Foundation for Quality Healthcare, today recognized three Georgia physicians as part of its first annual Physician Summit Award program. The program acknowledges the extraordinary efforts these physicians make to provide quality care and clinical excellence to Peach State members.

“We view these physicians and all our network providers in Georgia as integral partners in the delivery of quality care to Peach State members,” said Michael Cadger, President and CEO for Peach State. “They demonstrate actions ensuring Peach State members will lead more productive lives and have a better quality of life through improved illness prevention, continuity of care and access to high quality, cost-effective care. We applaud these outstanding physicians for their exemplary leadership.”

“We are pleased to collaborate in this effort and recognize the commitment of these physicians in improving the quality, accessibility and coordination of services for plan members,” said Kathy Bradley-Wells, President, Centene Foundation for Quality Healthcare. “This increases the ability for members to be actively involved in their healthcare.”

The Physician Summit Award honorees are primary care physicians who, compared to their peers, have demonstrated exemplary performance in the following areas: follow up after emergency room visits, routine preventive and well care services for both adults and children, and establishing a medical home for new enrollees. They received an engraved plaque and a catered lunch for their office staff. In addition, they will be recognized on Peach State’s website, as well as in its provider newsletter and other materials.

Following are the 2008 Physician Summit Award winners:

Dr. Nelson Madrazo  
Sumter Pediatrics

Dr. Jose Rios  
Primary Care Center - Chamblee at Scottish Rite

Dr. Donna Yeiser  
West Georgia Pediatric Partners

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### **About Peach State Health Plan**

Peach State Health Plan (Peach State) is a health maintenance organization that serves the Medicaid and PeachCare for Kids population in partnership with the Georgia Healthy Families Program. As of December 31, 2007, Peach State had 287,900 members. Peach State is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Centene Corporation, a leading *multi-line* healthcare enterprise offering both core Medicaid and specialty services. Information regarding Peach State is available via the Internet at [www.pshpgeorgia.com](http://www.pshpgeorgia.com).

### **About The Centene Foundation for Quality Healthcare**

The Centene Foundation for Quality Healthcare is a non-profit private foundation dedicated to improving the quality of healthcare in the United States. The Foundation serves as a resource to identify and support innovative approaches to improving and increasing the quality of and access to healthcare for low-income individuals and families. This is accomplished through an inspired philanthropic giving plan that seeks to promote efforts and activities that identify and address core causes of unequal access and treatment in healthcare. For additional information, please visit [www.centenefoundation.org](http://www.centenefoundation.org).

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