

ST. LOUIS, Jul 2, 2002 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Centene Corporation (Nasdaq: CNTE) today announced that the company will release its second quarter earnings on Wednesday, July 24, 2002 after the close of regular trading hours and then host a conference call on Thursday, July 25, 2002 at 8:30 a.m. (Eastern Time) to review the results. Investors are invited to listen to the conference call by dialing 800/450-0819 in the U.S., and 612/332-0819 for international participants, or via a live Internet broadcast at the company's web site, <https://www.centene.com>. Mr. Michael F. Neidorff, president and chief executive officer, and Mr. Karey L. Witty, chief financial officer, of Centene Corporation will host the call.

A replay of the call will be available from July 25, 2002, beginning at 12:00 p.m. and ending on August 1, 2002 at 11:59 p.m. Investors may dial 800/475-6701 in the U.S. and 320/365-3844 from abroad and enter access number 644427. Additionally, the webcast will be archived for the same period at <https://www.centene.com>.

About Centene

Centene Corporation provides managed care programs and related services to individuals receiving benefits under Medicaid, including Supplemental Security Income (SSI), and the State Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). The company operates health plans in Wisconsin, Indiana and Texas.

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