

ST. LOUIS, Sep 13, 2002 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Centene Corporation (Nasdaq:CNTE) announced today that it will present at the Bear Stearns 15th Annual Healthcare Conference.

The conference will be held at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City. Michael F. Neidorff, Centene's President and Chief Executive Officer, will present on Tuesday, September 17, 2002 at 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time. The presentation will be webcast live, then archived one hour after the presentation ends for on-demand viewing for 90 days. The audio webcast can be accessed at www.centene.com under Investor Relations or at http://www.corporateir.net/ireye/ir_site.zhtml?ticker=CNTE&script=1020&item_id=ew,655974,1.

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). Centene currently operates health plans in Wisconsin, Indiana and Texas. Information regarding Centene is available via the Internet at www.centene.com.

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