

U.S. Bancorp Piper Jaffray Health Care Conference

ST. LOUIS--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Jan. 16, 2003--Centene Corporation (Nasdaq:CNTA) announced today that it will present at the U.S. Bancorp Piper Jaffray Health Care Conference.

The conference will be held at The Pierre Hotel in New York. Michael F. Neidorff, Centene's President and Chief Executive Officer, will present on Wednesday, January 29, 2003 at 12:00 p.m. Eastern Time. The presentation will be available as a live webcast at www.gotoanalysts.com/hccwebcast, and will be available for 30 days following the conference at the aforementioned URL.

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 (SCHIP). Centene now operates health plans in Wisconsin, Indiana, Texas and New Jersey. Information regarding Centene is available via the Internet at www.centene.com.

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