

ST. LOUIS, Mar 26, 2003 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Centene Corporation (Nasdaq:CNTE) announced today that it will hold its 2003 Annual Meeting of Stockholders on Tuesday, May 6, 2003, at 10:00 A.M., central daylight time. The meeting will be held at The Ritz-Carlton at 100 Carondelet Plaza, St. Louis, Missouri 63105. The record date for the meeting is March 21, 2003.

#### 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 (SCHIP). Centene operates health plans in Wisconsin, Texas, Indiana and New Jersey. Information regarding Centene is available via the Internet at [www.centene.com](http://www.centene.com).

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