

ST. LOUIS, Sep 26, 2003 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Centene Corporation (NASDAQ: CNTE) today announced the filing of a listing application for the transfer of its common stock to the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE). Centene expects to begin trading on the NYSE effective October 16, 2003. Shares of Centene's common stock will trade under the symbol "CNC".

Michael F. Neidorff, President and Chief Executive Officer of Centene Corporation, stated, "It is an honor to be invited to list on the NYSE, and we view this as an important move for Centene. We believe that trading on the NYSE will increase Centene's visibility in the worldwide investment community and give us access to an even broader investment base. This move is also within our planned timeframe to execute the next phase of growth for the company and its shareholders. We have appreciated the opportunity to trade on the NASDAQ, and thank them for their contributions to our success."

In connection with the NYSE listing, Centene will host an investor meeting in New York City on Thursday, October 16th. Interested parties can obtain more information regarding the investor meeting from the company's website at [www.centene.com](http://www.centene.com), under the Investor Relations tab.

Currently, Centene's common stock is traded on the NASDAQ National Market under the ticker symbol "CNTE". Centene Corporation has been listed on NASDAQ since its initial public offering in 2001. Concurrent with the NYSE listing, the company's shares will be withdrawn from NASDAQ.

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, Indiana, Texas and New Jersey. Information regarding Centene is available via the Internet at [www.centene.com](http://www.centene.com).

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