

ST. LOUIS--(BUSINESS WIRE)--May 11, 2004--Centene Corporation (NYSE: CNC) announced today that it will present at Banc of America Securities' Health Care Conference, which will be held at the Four Seasons Hotel in Las Vegas, NV.

Michael F. Neidorff, Centene's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, will present on May 19, 2004 at 2 p.m. Pacific Time. The presentation will be available as a live audio web cast at <http://www.veracast.com/webcasts/bas/healthcare-2004/id59109674.cfm>, then archived for on-demand listening for 15 days.

#### About Centene Corporation

Centene Corporation provides multi-line 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). The Company operates health plans in Indiana, New Jersey, Ohio, Texas and Wisconsin. In addition, the Company contracts with other healthcare organizations to provide specialty services including behavioral health, nurse triage and pharmacy compliance. Information regarding Centene is available via the Internet at [www.centene.com](http://www.centene.com).

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