

ST. LOUIS--(BUSINESS WIRE)--June 30, 2004--Centene Corporation (NYSE: CNC) announced today that it will present at the SG Cowen & Co. and International Strategy & Investment's Sixth Annual Health Care Policy Conference, to be held July 7-8, 2004 at The Willard InterContinental Hotel in Washington, D.C.

Michael F. Neidorff, Centene's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, will participate on a panel to discuss "Medicaid Reimbursement Issues," on Thursday, July 8, 2004, from 3:15 p.m. - 3:55 p.m., (Eastern Time). Investors and other interested parties who plan to participate via webcast may do so by going to the Company's website at www.centene.com, under the Investor Relations section.

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 Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). The Company operates health plans in Indiana, Ohio, New Jersey, 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.

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