

ST. LOUIS--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Aug. 30, 2004--Centene Corporation (NYSE: CNC) announced today that it will present at the Thomas Weisel Partners Healthcare Tailwinds 2004 Conference, which will be held September 8-10, 2004, at the Four Seasons Hotel in Boston, Massachusetts.

Michael F. Neidorff, Centene's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, will present on Friday, September 10, 2004 at 8:35 a.m. Eastern Time. The presentation will be available as a live, audio web cast at <http://www.visualwebcaster.com/event.asp?id=24360>, 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 Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP). 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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