

ST. LOUIS, Sep 7, 2004 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Centene Corporation (NYSE: CNC) announced today that it will present at the Bear Stearns 17th Annual Healthcare Conference, which will be held September 13-14, 2004, at The Plaza Hotel in New York City.

Michael F. Neidorff, Centene's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, will present on Monday, September 13, 2004 at 3:45 p.m. Eastern Time. The presentation will be available as a live, audio web cast at [http://customer.talkpoint.com/BEAR002/091304a\\_cy/reports.asp?entity=centene](http://customer.talkpoint.com/BEAR002/091304a_cy/reports.asp?entity=centene), then archived for on-demand listening for 15 days. (Due to the length of this URL, it may be necessary to copy and paste it into your Internet browser's URL address field. You may also need to remove an extra space in the URL if one exists.)

#### 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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