

ST. LOUIS--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Nov. 2, 2004--Centene Corporation (NYSE: CNC) announced today that it will present at the CIBC World Markets 15th Annual Healthcare Conference, which will be held November 8-10, 2004, at The Plaza Hotel in New York, NY.

Michael F. Neidorff, Centene's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, and Lisa M. Wilson, Centene's Vice President, Investor Relations, will present on Tuesday, November 9, 2004 at 11:30 a.m. Eastern Time. The presentation will be available as a live, audio webcast at <http://www.veracast.com/webcasts/cibcwm/healthcare04/77208219.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 treatment compliance. Information regarding Centene is available via the Internet at [www.centene.com](http://www.centene.com).

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