

ST. LOUIS--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Dec. 13, 2005--Centene Corporation (NYSE: CNC) today announced several key management appointments to its corporate office staff.

Michael F. Neidorff, Centene's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer stated, "Centene and its Board of Directors have long advocated financially responsible growth that supports our stated goal of building a multi-line enterprise. We are fully confident in our ability to predictably grow and build our business, through superb operating systems and organizational excellence. To this end, I am pleased with the caliber and skill set of candidates that we continue to attract to fulfill our business objectives."

Glendon Schuster has been appointed VP and Chief Information Officer reporting directly to the Chairman and CEO. Glendon was previously a Partner with Accenture where, since 1993, he has provided strategic consulting services for several industries including retail and healthcare. Glendon's responsibilities include oversight of Information Technology and claims operations, where he will continue to build on Centene's strengths in this core business operation.

J. Per Brodin has been appointed VP and Chief Accounting Officer reporting to Karey Witty, Senior VP and Chief Financial Officer. Per was previously VP, Accounting and Reporting with The May Department Stores Company and a Senior Manager in the Professional Standards Group of Arthur Andersen LLP. Per brings broad experience and skills in financial reporting and adds depth to an already strong financial team.

Leon Luttschwager has been appointed VP, Operations and Business Processes for CenCorp Health Solutions, the specialty services subsidiary of Centene. Leon reports to William N. Scheffel, Senior VP, Specialty Companies and will oversee the expansion and integration of specialty company businesses. Previously, Leon was Senior VP, Information Technology with WebMD.

Julia Ciorletti has been appointed VP, Government Relations in the Washington, D.C. office reporting to Marie J. Glancy, Senior VP, Government Relations. Julia was previously at the American Medical Association where she was Assistant Director, Congressional Affairs; she has over 20 years of experience in government relations and healthcare.

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, Kansas, Missouri, New Jersey, Ohio, Texas and Wisconsin. In addition, the Company contracts with other healthcare organizations to provide specialty services including behavioral health, disease management, nurse triage and treatment compliance. Information regarding Centene is available via the Internet at www.centene.com.

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