

ST. LOUIS--(BUSINESS WIRE)--March 3, 2006--Centene Corporation (NYSE: CNC) today announced that it will present at the Lehman Brothers Ninth Annual Global Healthcare Conference, which will be held March 8-10, 2006, at the Loews Miami Beach Hotel in Miami, Florida.

Michael F. Neidorff, Centene's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, will present on Thursday, March 9, at 3:45 p.m. Eastern Time. The presentation will also be available at http://customer.talkpoint.com/LEHM002/030806a_cs/default.asp?entity=Centene (Due to its length, this URL may need to be copied/pasted into your Internet browser's address field. Remove the extra space if one exists.), as a live audio webcast; it then will be archived 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, 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, pharmacy benefit management and treatment compliance. Information regarding Centene is available via the Internet at www.centene.com.

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