

ST. LOUIS--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Sept. 15, 2006--Centene Corporation (NYSE: CNC) announced today that it will release its third quarter 2006 financial results at approximately 6:00 AM (Eastern Time) on Tuesday, October 24, 2006 and host a conference call at 8:30 AM (Eastern Time) to review the results. Michael F. Neidorff, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, and J. Per Brodin, Chief Financial Officer, of Centene Corporation will host the call.

Investors and other interested parties are invited to listen to the conference call by dialing 800-273-1254 in the U.S. and Canada, 706-679-8592 from abroad, or via a live Internet broadcast on the Company's website at [www.centene.com](http://www.centene.com), under the Investor Relations section.

A replay will be available for on-demand listening shortly after the completion of the call until 11:59 PM (Eastern Time) on November 7, 2006 at the aforementioned URL, or by dialing 800-642-1687 in the U.S. and Canada, or 706-645-9291 from abroad, and entering access code 6573810.

#### About Centene Corporation

Centene Corporation is a leading multi-line healthcare enterprise that provides 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 Georgia, 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, managed vision, nurse triage, pharmacy benefit management and treatment compliance. Information regarding Centene is available via the Internet at [www.centene.com](http://www.centene.com).

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