

ST. LOUIS--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Nov. 16, 2006--Centene Corporation (NYSE: CNC) today announced that it will present at the Merrill Lynch 2006 Health Services Investor Conference, which will be held November 28-29, 2006 at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York City.

Michael F. Neidorff, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Centene, will present on Tuesday, November 28, at 8:45 a.m. Eastern Time. The presentation will be available as a live, audio webcast at: <http://www.veracast.com/webcasts/ml/healthservices06/04207243.cfm>; then it will be archived for replay 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 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 benefits management and treatment compliance. Information regarding Centene is available via the Internet at [www.centene.com](http://www.centene.com).

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