

ST. LOUIS--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Centene Corporation (NYSE: CNC) today announced that it is the recipient of a Patriot Award from the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR), a staff organization within the U.S. Department of Defense. Patriot Awards are presented to corporations that demonstrate outstanding support for employee participation in the National Guard and Reserve Forces.

"The U.S. Department of Defense recognizes Centene Corporation as an outstanding organization that has and is continuing to support a strong National Guard and Reserve force," said Stan Brasch, Awards Chairman, Missouri Committee, ESGR. "Their exemplary efforts and support have contributed to the national defense of our country and have set an example for other organizations to follow."

During a ceremony this week with employees, Centene's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Michael F. Neidorff accepted the award on behalf of the Company and thanked Sergeant Ramon Colon, a Centene employee, for the nomination, which can only be submitted by members of the National Guard and Reserve forces.

"I remain continually proud of Centene employees who give back to our community and country through selfless service, compassion and patriotism," said Neidorff. "We are humbled by this recognition and support all of the men and women serving our country."

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 the State Children's Health Insurance Program (SCHIP), as well as Aged, Blind, Disabled (ABD), Foster Care, Long-Term Care and Medicare (Special Needs Plans). The Company operates local health plans and offers a range of healthcare solutions for the rising number of uninsured Americans. It also contracts with other healthcare and commercial organizations to provide specialty services including behavioral health, life and health management, managed vision, nurse triage, pharmacy benefits management and treatment compliance. Information regarding Centene is available via the Internet at www.centene.com.

About Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve

Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve (ESGR) established in 1972 is a Department of Defense agency that seeks to promote a culture in which all American employers support and value the military service of their employees. Information on ESGR can be found www.esgr.net.

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