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Centene Corporation Schedules Fourth Quarter and Year End 2001 Earnings Release and Conference Call

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 23 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Centene Corporation (Nasdaq: CNTE) today announced that it plans to release its fourth quarter and year end 2001 earnings on February 5, 2002 after the close of regular trading hours and then host a conference call on February 6, 2002 at 9:00 a.m. (Eastern Time) to review the results. Investors are invited to listen to the conference call by dialing (800) 230-1951, and (612) 332-1020 for international participants, or via a live Internet broadcast at the company's web site at <http://www.centene.com>. Mr. Michael F. Neidorff, President and Chief Executive Officer, and Mr. Karey L. Witty, Chief Financial Officer, of Centene Corporation will host the call.

A replay of the call will be available from February 6, 2002, beginning at 2:15 p.m. and ending on February 13, 2002 at 11:59 p.m. Investors may dial (800) 475-6701 in the U.S. and (320) 365-3844 from abroad and enter access number 624655. Additionally, the webcast will be archived for the same period at <http://www.centene.com>.

Centene provides managed care programs and related services to individuals receiving benefits under Medicaid, including Supplemental Security Income, and the State Children's Health Insurance Program. The company operates health plans in Wisconsin, Indiana and Texas.

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