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Centene Corporation Scheduled to Present at Lehman Brothers Global Healthcare Conference on February 26, 2002

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- Presentation to be Available by Conference Call -

Centene Corporation (Nasdaq: CNTE) today announced that it will be making a presentation at the Lehman Brothers Global Healthcare Conference at 3:45 p.m. on Tuesday, February 26, 2002, at the Grand Floridian Resort in Orlando, Florida. Interested parties may listen to the presentation live via conference call at (800) 553-2720 or internationally at (303) 713-7920. A replay of the presentation will be available for a period of 24 hours following the presentation at (800) 625-5288 and internationally at (303) 804-1855. Centene's conference call ID number is 1561242.

Michael F. Neidorff, Centene's President and Chief Executive Officer, will host the presentation.

About Centene

Centene Corporation provides 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 (CHIP). The company operates health plans in Wisconsin, Indiana and Texas.

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