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Centene Corporation Schedules First Annual Meeting of Shareholders and Sets Record Date

ST. LOUIS, Apr 12, 2002 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Centene Corporation (Nasdaq: CNTE) announced today that it has scheduled its first Annual Meeting of Stockholders as a public company. The meeting will be held at Centene's corporate office at 7711 Carondelet Ave., St. Louis, Missouri 63105, at 10:00 A.M., central daylight time, on Monday, June 3, 2002. The record date for the meeting will be April 12, 2002.

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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