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Centene Corporation to Host Third Quarter 2002 Financial Results Conference Call

ST. LOUIS, Oct 1, 2002 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Centene Corporation (Nasdaq:CNTE) announced today that it will release its third quarter earnings on Monday, October 28, 2002 after the close of regular trading hours, and then host a conference call on Tuesday, October 29, 2002 at 8:30 a.m. (Eastern Time) to review the results. Mr. Michael F. Neidorff, president and chief executive officer, and Mr. Karey L. Witty, chief financial officer, of Centene Corporation will host the call.

Investors and other interested parties are invited to listen to the conference call by dialing 800-450-0819 in the U.S. and Canada, 612-332-0636 from abroad, or via a live Internet broadcast on the company's website at www.centene.com, under the Investor Relations section.

A replay will be available for on demand listening shortly after the completion of the call until 11:59 PM Eastern on November 5, 2002 at the aforementioned URL or by dialing 800-475-6701 in the U.S. and Canada, or 320-365-3844 from abroad, and entering access code 654098.

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 (SCHIP). Centene currently operates health plans in Wisconsin, Indiana and Texas. Information regarding Centene is available via the Internet at www.centene.com.

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