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# Centene Corporation Schedules First Quarter 2004 Financial Results Conference Call

ST. LOUIS--(BUSINESS WIRE)--April 1, 2004--Centene Corporation (NYSE: CNC) announced today that it will release its first quarter 2004 financial results after the close of business on Monday, April 26, 2004 and host a conference call on Tuesday, April 27, 2004 at 8:15 AM (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 800-273-1254 in the U.S. and Canada, 706-679-8592 from abroad, or via a live Internet broadcast on the Company's website at [www.centene.com](http://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 May 11, 2004 at the aforementioned URL, or by dialing 800-642-1687 in the U.S. and Canada, or 706-645-9291 from abroad, and entering access code 6572189.

## About Centene Corporation

Centene Corporation provides multi-line 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). The Company operates health plans in Indiana, New Jersey, Ohio, Texas and Wisconsin. In addition, the Company contracts with other healthcare organizations to provide specialty services including behavioral health, nurse triage and pharmacy compliance. Information regarding Centene is available via the Internet at [www.centene.com](http://www.centene.com).

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