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Centene Corporation to Webcast Second Annual Investor Day

ST. LOUIS--(BUSINESS WIRE)--May 17, 2004--Centene Corporation (NYSE: CNC) announced today that it will webcast its Second Annual Investor Event to be held on Wednesday, June 2, 2004 in New York City. The webcast will begin promptly at 8:00 a.m. Eastern Time. At the meeting, Centene expects Michael Neidorff, its Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, to make remarks regarding Centene's performance and future prospects.

Institutional investors and analysts interested in attending should contact Lisa Wilson for additional information.

Investors and other interested parties may listen to the webcast by going to the Company's website at www.centene.com, under the Investor Relations section.

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.

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