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Centene Corporation to Present at SG Cowen & Co. 25th Annual Health Care Conference

ST. LOUIS--(BUSINESS WIRE)--March 8, 2005--Centene Corporation (NYSE:CNC) announced today that it will present at the SG Cowen & Co. 25th Annual Health Care Conference, which will be held March 14-17, 2005, at the Boston Marriott Copley Place in Boston, Massachusetts.

Michael F. Neidorff, Centene's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, will present on Tuesday, March 15, at 8:00 a.m. Eastern Time. The presentation will be available at http://www.corporate-ir.net/ireye/confLobby.zhtml?ticker=CNC&item_id=1025954 (Due to its length, this URL may need to be copied/pasted into your Internet browser's address field. Remove the extra space if one exists.) as a live audio webcast, then archived for 15 days.

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, Kansas, Missouri, 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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