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Centene Corporation to Present at Banc of America Securities Health Care Conference 2005

ST. LOUIS--(BUSINESS WIRE)--May 4, 2005--Centene Corporation (NYSE:CNC) announced today that it will present at the Banc of America Securities Health Care Conference 2005, which will be held May 17-19, 2005, at The Four Seasons Hotel, Las Vegas, Nevada.

Michael F. Neidorff, Centene's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, will present on Tuesday, May 17, at 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time. The presentation will be available at <http://www.veracast.com/webcasts/bas/healthcare05/id89104459.cfm> 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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