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Centene Corporation to Present at SG Cowen & Co.'s 7th Annual Health Care Policy Conference

ST. LOUIS--(BUSINESS WIRE)--June 23, 2005--Centene Corporation (NYSE: CNC) announced today that it will present at the SG Cowen & Co.'s 7th Annual Health Care Policy Conference, which will be held June 29-30, 2005, at The Willard InterContinental hotel in Washington, D.C.

Michael F. Neidorff, Centene's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, will present on Thursday, June 30, at 3:15 p.m. Eastern Time. Investors and other interested parties are invited to listen to the presentation via a live, Internet broadcast on the Company's website at: www.centene.com.

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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