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Centene Corporation to Present at Lehman Brothers Second Annual Small Cap Conference

ST. LOUIS--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Nov. 9, 2005--Centene Corporation (NYSE: CNC) today announced that it will present at the Lehman Brothers Second Annual Small Cap Conference, which will be held November 16-18, 2005, at The Four Seasons Resort Aviara in Carlsbad, California.

Michael F. Neidorff, Centene's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, will present on Friday, November 18, at 11:20 a.m. Pacific Time. Investors and other interested parties are invited to listen to the presentation via a live, Internet broadcast at: http://customer.talkpoint.com/LEHM002/111605a_cs/default.asp?entity=centenecorp (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.) or 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, disease management, nurse triage and treatment compliance. Information regarding Centene is available via the Internet at www.centene.com.

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