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Centene Corporation Schedules First Quarter 2006 Financial Results Conference Call

ST. LOUIS, Apr 04, 2006 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Centene Corporation (NYSE: CNC) today announced that it will release its first quarter 2006 financial results at approximately 6:00 AM (Eastern Time) on April 25, 2006 and host a conference call on Tuesday, April 25, 2006 at 8:30 AM (Eastern Time) to review the results. Mr. Michael F. Neidorff, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, and Mr. Karey L. Witty, Chief Financial Officer, of Centene Corporation will host the call.

Investors and other interested parties are invited to listen to the conference call by dialing 1-800-273-1254 in the U.S. and Canada, or 1-706-679-8592 from abroad, or via a live Internet broadcast on the Company's website at www.centene.com, under the Investor Relations section.

A replay will be available for on-demand listening shortly after the completion of the call until 11:59 PM (Eastern Time) on May 9, 2006 at the aforementioned URL, or by dialing 1-800-642-1687 in the U.S. and Canada, or 1-706-645-9291 from abroad, and entering access code 7620184.

About Centene Corporation

Centene Corporation is a leading multi-line healthcare enterprise that provides 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, pharmacy benefit management and treatment compliance. Information regarding Centene is available via the Internet at www.centene.com.

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