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Centene Corporation to Webcast 2006 Annual Meeting of Stockholders

ST. LOUIS, Apr 13, 2006 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Centene Corporation (NYSE: CNC) announced today that it will webcast its 2006 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 25, 2006, at 10:00 a.m. Central Time at The Ritz-Carlton St. Louis, 100 Carondelet Plaza, St. Louis, Missouri 63105 in the Amphitheater, 314-863-6300. Following the meeting, Michael F. Neidorff, Centene's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, is expected to make remarks regarding the Company's performance and future prospects.

Investors and other interested parties are invited to listen to the webcast on the Company's website at www.centene.com under the Investor Relations section.

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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