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Centene Corporation to Present at Bank of America Health Care Conference 2006

ST. LOUIS--(BUSINESS WIRE)--May 4, 2006--Centene Corporation (NYSE: CNC) today announced that it will present at the Bank of America Health Care Conference 2006, which will be held May 16-18, 2006, at The Four Seasons Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada.

J. Per Brodin, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, and Lisa M. Wilson, Senior Vice President, Investor Relations, of Centene Corporation, will present on Thursday, May 18 at 8:40 a.m. Pacific Time. The presentation can be accessed live via the Internet at: <http://www.veracast.com/webcasts/bas/healthcare06/id84302266.cfm>; it then will be archived for 15 days.

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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