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Centene Corporation to Host 7th Annual Investor Day in New York City -- RSVP Requested

ST. LOUIS--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- Centene Corporation (NYSE: CNC) today released more details regarding its previously announced seventh annual Investor Day. The event will be held on Tuesday, June 2, 2009, at the New York Helmsley Hotel in New York City. The meeting, which also will be webcast live, will begin promptly at 8:00 a.m. Eastern Time and end approximately at 12:30 p.m. Eastern Time. At the meeting, Centene's senior management team is expected to make remarks regarding the Company's performance and future prospects.

Institutional investors and analysts interested in attending the investor day event can respond to Libby Abelt in Centene's Investor Relations department either via telephone at 1-212-759-5665 or e-mail at: labelt@centene.com.

Interested parties may listen to the live, audio webcast of the event by going to the Company's website at www.centene.com and accessing the Investor Relations section. A webcast replay will also be available via Centene's IR section on its website immediately following the event.

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 the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), as well as Aged, Blind, or Disabled (ABD), Foster Care, Long-Term Care and Medicare (Special Needs Plans). The Company operates local health plans and offers a wide range of health insurance solutions to individuals and the rising number of uninsured Americans. It also contracts with other healthcare and commercial organizations to provide specialty services including behavioral health, life and health management, managed vision, telehealth services, pharmacy benefits management and medication adherence. Information regarding Centene is available via the Internet at www.centene.com.

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