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Centene Corporation's Indiana Subsidiary Awarded Expanded Managed Care Contract

ST. LOUIS, June 4 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Centene Corporation (NYSE: CNC) today was notified that the Indiana Office of Medicaid Policy and Planning (OMPP) has awarded Managed Health Services (MHS), Centene's Indiana subsidiary, a renewed and expanded statewide managed care contract, effective January 1, 2011. Under the new agreement, MHS will continue to serve Hoosier Healthwise and Healthy Indiana Plan (HIP) members.

MHS currently serves 211,400 members enrolled in Hoosier Healthwise, the state's health insurance program for children, pregnant women, and low-income families. HIP is the state's program for uninsured adults who earn less than 200% of the federal poverty level (FPL), do not have access to employer sponsored health insurance coverage and have been uninsured for the previous six months.

"Centene is pleased to continue providing quality healthcare services and programs to Indiana residents, as we have done for 15 years in the market," said Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Michael F. Neidorff. "We look forward to bringing our unique experience serving uninsured individuals to Indiana. We have a core belief that every individual has the right to receive quality healthcare at an affordable price."

About Centene Corporation

Centene Corporation, a Fortune 500 company, is a leading *multi-line* healthcare enterprise that provides programs and related services to the rising number of under-insured and uninsured individuals. Many receive benefits provided under Medicaid, including the State Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), as well as Aged, Blind or Disabled (ABD), Foster Care and long-term care, in addition to other state-sponsored programs, and Medicare (Special Needs Plans). Centene's CeltiCare subsidiary offers states unique, "exchange-based" and other cost-effective coverage solutions for low-income populations. The Company operates local health plans and offers a range of health insurance solutions. It also contracts with other healthcare and commercial organizations to provide specialty services including behavioral health, life and health management, managed vision, telehealth services, and pharmacy benefits management. More information regarding Centene is available at www.centene.com.

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