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Centene Schedules 2011 Second Quarter Financial Results Conference Call and Announces 2012 Financial Guidance Meeting in New York City

- Reminder of 2011 Third Quarter Earnings Release Date in Usual Pattern -

ST. LOUIS, June 23, 2011 /PRNewswire/ -- Centene Corporation (NYSE: CNC) today announced that it will release its 2011 second quarter financial results at approximately 6:00 a.m. (Eastern Time) on Tuesday, July 26, 2011, and host a conference call afterwards at approximately 8:30 a.m. (Eastern Time) to review the results. Michael F. Neidorff, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, and William N. Scheffel, Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, of Centene Corporation will host the call.

Investors and other interested parties are invited to listen to the conference call by dialing 1-800-860-2442 in the U.S. and Canada; +1-412-858.4600 from abroad; or via a live, audio webcast on the Company's website at www.centene.com, under the Investors section.

A webcast replay will be available for on-demand listening shortly after the completion of the call for the next twelve months or until 11:59 p.m. (Eastern Time) on Tuesday, July 24, 2012, at the aforementioned URL. In addition, a digital audio playback will be available until 9:00 a.m. (Eastern Time) on Thursday, August 4, 2011, by dialing 1-877-344-7529 in the U.S. and Canada, or +1-412-317-0088 from abroad, and entering access code 10001393.

Consistent with last year and as announced at the recent June 14th Investor Day, the Company plans to host its 2012 Financial Guidance and Investor Meeting in New York City on Friday, December 16, 2011. More details to follow on this event.

In addition, as a reminder, the Company plans to release its 2011 third quarter financial results at approximately 6:00 a.m. ET on Tuesday, October 25, 2011, and host a conference call afterwards at approximately 8:30 a.m. ET to review the results.

For more specific information regarding these and other events, please refer to the upcoming events calendar posted in the Investors section on the CNC website.

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 Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP), as well as Aged, Blind or Disabled (ABD), Foster Care, long-term care, other state-sponsored programs and Medicare (Special Needs

Plans). Centene's CultiCare 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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