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Centene Corporation to Present at the CIBC World Markets Fourteenth Annual Healthcare Conference

ST. LOUIS--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Nov. 3, 2003--Centene Corporation (NYSE:CNC) announced today that it will present at the CIBC World Markets Fourteenth Annual Healthcare Conference. The conference will be held at the Plaza Hotel, New York, NY.

Michael F. Neidorff, President and Chief Executive Officer, will present on Wednesday, November 12, 2003 at 3:30 PM Eastern Time. The presentation will be available as a live audio webcast at www.centene.com, in the investor relations section. It will be available for on demand listening until November 24, 2003 at the aforementioned URL.

Centene Corporation provides managed care 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 Texas, Wisconsin, Indiana and New Jersey. In addition, the Company contracts with other healthcare organizations to provide specialty services including behavioral health, nurse triage and pharmacy compliance. Information regarding Centene is available via the Internet at www.centene.com.

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