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Centene Schedules 2012 First Quarter Financial Results Conference Call and Announces 2012 Annual Meeting Webcast

- Reminder of June 14 Investor Day and 2012 Quarterly Earnings Release Dates in Usual Pattern -

ST. LOUIS, March 20, 2012 /PRNewswire/ -- Centene Corporation (NYSE: CNC) today announced that it will release its 2012 first quarter financial results at approximately 6:00 a.m. (Eastern Time) on Tuesday, April 24, 2012, 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, April 23, 2013, at the aforementioned URL. In addition, a digital audio playback will be available until 9:00 a.m. (Eastern Time) on Wednesday, May 2, 2012, by dialing 1-877-344-7529 in the U.S. and Canada, or +1-412-317-0088 from abroad, and entering access code 10011606.

Later that same day, the Company will hold its 2012 Annual Meeting of Stockholders at 10:00 a.m. (Central Time) in the auditorium at Centene's headquarters, 7700 Forsyth Boulevard, St. Louis, Missouri. At the meeting, Mr. Neidorff is expected to make remarks regarding the Company's performance and future prospects. A live audio webcast of the meeting can be accessed via the Company's website at www.centene.com under the Investors section.

In addition, as a reminder, the Company has previously announced the following corporate events:

- CNC's 10th Annual Investor Day: Thursday, June 14, 2012; New York City (8:00 a.m. to approximately 11:30 a.m. ET)

- CNC's Second Quarter 2012 Financial Results (6:00 a.m. ET) and Earnings Call (8:30 a.m. ET): Tuesday, July 24, 2012

- CNC's Third Quarter 2012 Financial Results (6:00 a.m. ET) and Earnings Call (8:30 a.m. ET): Tuesday, October 23, 2012

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 CeliCare 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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