CENTENE CORP Form 8-K June 06, 2013

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

#### **CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): May 31, 2013

#### CENTENE CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware 001-31826 42-1406317 (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

7700 Forsyth Blvd.

St. Louis, Missouri 63105

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code) Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (314) 725-4477 (Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

#### Item 8.01 Other Events

On May 31, 2013, we issued a press release announcing that our subsidiary, Kentucky Spirit Health Plan (Kentucky Spirit), received a summary judgment ruling from the Franklin County Circuit Court in Kentucky. The Court ruled that Kentucky Spirit does not have the contractual right to terminate its Medicaid managed care contract with the Commonwealth of Kentucky before the end of the initial term. Kentucky Spirit is analyzing the ruling and evaluating its legal alternatives.

The Company's 2013 earnings guidance has not been adjusted to reflect any impact related to the judgment ruling in Kentucky. The Company expects to update its 2013 earnings guidance to include any impact of the Kentucky judgment ruling as additional information becomes available or in its second quarter earnings release.

The full text of the press release is included as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

- (d) Exhibits.
- 99.1 Press release of Centene Corporation issued May 31, 2013.

### **SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

## CENTENE CORPORATION

Date: June 6, 2013 By: /s/ William N. Scheffel

William N. Scheffel

Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer

## EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit

Description Number

99.1 Press release of Centene Corporation issued May 31, 2013.