

CENTENE CORP  
Form 8-K  
April 26, 2005

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**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): 04/21/2005**

**Centene Corporation**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

**Commission File Number: 000-33395**

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation or Organization)

**42-1406317**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**7711 Carondelet Avenue, Suite 800, St. Louis, MO 63105**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices, Including Zip Code)

**314-725-4477**  
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

(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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act(17CFR240.13e-4(c))
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Items to be Included in this Report

**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers**

On April 21, 2005, our board of directors elected Tommy G. Thompson to serve on our board of directors, effective immediately. Mr. Thompson was elected as a Class III director and will serve until our 2007 annual meeting of stockholders.

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**Signature(s)**

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: April 25, 2005.

By: /s/ Michael F. Neidorff

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Michael F. Neidorff  
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer