

CENTENE CORP
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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): January 8, 2010

CENTENE CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other
jurisdiction of
incorporation)

001-31826
(Commission file
number)

42-1406317
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

7711 Carondelet Avenue, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

(Address of principal executive office and zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (314) 725-4477

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ITEM 7.01 REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

On January 8, 2010, the Company issued a press release announcing its 2010 financial guidance. The full text of the press release is included as Exhibit 99.1 to this report. The information contained in the website cited in the press release is not a part of this report.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press release of Centene Corporation issued January 8, 2010.

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.

Date: January 8, 2010

CENTENE CORPORATION

By: /s/ William N. Scheffel
William N. Scheffel
Executive Vice President, Chief
Financial Officer and Treasurer

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