

CENTENE CORP
Form 8-K
March 15, 2010

UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 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): March 11, 2010

Centene Corporation

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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| Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) | 001-31826 (Commission File Number) | 42-1406317 (IRS Employer Identification No.) |
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| 7711 Carondelet Avenue St. Louis, Missouri (Address of Principal Executive Offices) | 63105 (Zip Code) |
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (314) 725-4477

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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers

A copy of the press release issued by the Company on March 15, 2010 is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press release of Centene Corporation issued March 15, 2010.

SIGNATURES

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: March 15, 2010

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

EXHIBIT INDEX

| Exhibit Number | Description |
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