

CENTENE CORP  
Form 8-K  
February 10, 2004

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**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): February 9, 2004

**CENTENE CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

000-33395

04-1406317

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(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporated or organization)

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(Commission File Number)

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(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

7711 Carondelet Avenue, Suite 800, St. Louis, Missouri 63105  
(Address of principle executive office and zip code)

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

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**ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS**

(c) Exhibits.

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Press release of Centene Corporation issued February 9, 2004 as to financial results for the fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2003

**ITEM 12. DISCLOSURE OF RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION**

On February 9, 2004, we issued a press release announcing our financial results for the fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2003. 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.

The information in this Form 8-K and the exhibit attached hereto shall not be deemed to be filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section. Nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

**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: February 9, 2004

CENTENE CORPORATION

By: /s/ MICHAEL F. NEIDORFF

Michael F. Neidorff  
President and Chief Executive Officer