

CENTENE CORP  
Form 8-K  
March 16, 2007

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**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, DC 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

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**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 15, 2007**

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**CENTENE CORPORATION  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)**

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

**000-33395  
(Commission File  
Number)**

**42-1406317  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)**

**7711 Carondelet Avenue,  
Suite 800  
St. Louis, Missouri  
(Address of Principal  
Executive Offices)**

**63105  
(Zip Code)**

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

**Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report: Not Applicable**

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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))
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**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

The Company announced the pricing of its 7 ¼% Senior Notes due 2014 in a press release dated March 16, 2007, which is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

| Exhibit<br>Number | Description of Exhibit                |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|
| 99.1              | Press Release dated March<br>16, 2007 |

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**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.

Date: March 16, 2007

CENTENE CORPORATION  
(Registrant)

By: /s/ J. PER BRODIN  
J. Per Brodin  
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial  
Officer

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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