

CENTENE CORP
Form 8-K
December 06, 2007

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): December 6, 2007

CENTENE CORPORATION
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other
jurisdiction of
incorporation)

000-33395
(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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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

ITEM 7.01 REGULATIONS FD DISCLOSURE

On December 6, 2007, the Company issued a press release announcing its 2008 financial guidance and a 2007 fourth quarter charge of approximately \$12 million for asset impairments and severance. 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 December 6, 2007.

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: December 6, 2007

CENTENE CORPORATION

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

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