

CENTENE CORP  
Form 8-K  
December 06, 2007

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 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): 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**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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

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**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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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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Number**

**Description**

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