

CENTENE CORP  
Form 8-K  
October 17, 2012

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UNITED STATES  
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): October 17, 2012

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

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	001-31826 (Commission File Number)	42-1406317 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
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7700 Forsyth Blvd. 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  
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - 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 ITEMS

On October 17, 2012, we issued a press release announcing that our subsidiary, Kentucky Spirit Health Plan (Kentucky Spirit), notified the Cabinet for Health and Family Services that it is exercising a contractual right that it believes allows Kentucky Spirit to terminate its Medicaid managed care contract with the Commonwealth of Kentucky effective July 5, 2013.

Consistent with the steps taken to terminate the Kentucky contract effective July 5, 2013, Centene anticipates recording a pre-tax premium deficiency reserve ranging from \$60 to \$70 million related to the Kentucky operations in the quarter ended September 30, 2012.

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 October 17, 2012.

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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.

CENTENE CORPORATION

Date: October 17, 2012

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

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	Press release of Centene Corporation issued October 17, 2012.