

CENTENE CORP
Form S-3/A
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Registration No. 333-107247

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

AMENDMENT NO. 2
TO
Form S-3
REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

Centene Corporation

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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

6324
*(Primary Standard Industrial
Classification Code Number)*

04-1406317
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

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Saint Louis, Missouri 63105 (314) 725-4477
(Address, Including Zip Code, and Telephone Number, Including Area Code, of Registrant's Principal Executive Offices)

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Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public: As soon as practicable after this registration statement becomes effective.

If the only securities being registered on this form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box.

If any of the securities being registered on this form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box.

If this form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.
333-_____.

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If this form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering. o 333-_____.

If delivery of the prospectus is expected to be made pursuant to Rule 434, check the following box. o _____

The registrant hereby amends this registration statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this registration statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 or until the registration statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

This amendment no. 2 to the registrant's registration statement on Form S-3 (Commission File No. 333-107247) is being filed solely for the purpose of filing Exhibits 1, 5 and 23.2 thereto.

EXHIBIT INDEX

| Exhibit Number | Description | Filed with this Amendment to Form S-3 | Incorporated by Reference | | |
|----------------|---|---------------------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------|----------------|
| | | | Form | Filing Date with SEC | Exhibit Number |
| 1 | Underwriting Agreement | X | | | |
| 4.1 | Amended and Restated Shareholders Agreement, dated September 23, 1998 | | S-1 | October 9, 2001 | 4.2 |
| 4.2 | Rights Agreement between Centene Corporation and Mellon Investor Services LLC, as Rights Agent, dated August 30, 2002 | | 8-K | August 30, 2002 | 4.1 |
| 5 | Legal opinion of Hale and Dorr LLP | X | | | |
| *23.1 | Consent of Independent Public Accountants | | | | |
| 23.2 | Consent of Hale and Dorr LLP (contained in Exhibit 5) | X | | | |
| *24 | Power of Attorney (included on page II-4 of the Form S-3 as initially filed) | | | | |

* Filed previously.