

CENTENE CORP  
Form 8-K  
February 05, 2008

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UNITED STATES  
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): February 5, 2008

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CENTENE CORPORATION

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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Delaware  | 001-31826                | 42-1406317                           |
| (State or other jurisdiction<br>of incorporation) | (Commission file number) | (IRS Employer<br>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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- 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 2.02 RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

On February 5, 2008, we issued a press release announcing the delayed release of our financial results for the fourth quarter and year ended December 31, 2007. 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

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press release of Centene Corporation issued February 5, 2008.

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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: February 5, 2008

CENTENE CORPORATION

By: /s/ ERIC R. SLUSSER  
Eric R. Slusser  
Executive Vice President and Chief  
Financial Officer

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EXHIBIT INDEX

| Exhibit<br>Number | Description   |
|-------------------|---|
| 99.1              | Press release of Centene Corporation issued February 5, 2008. |