

CENTENE CORP  
Form 8-K  
December 15, 2006

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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): 12/12/2006**

**Centene Corporation**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Commission File Number: 000-33395**

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**42-1406317**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**7711 Carondelet Avenue, Suite 800, St. Louis, MO 63105**  
(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

**314-725-4477**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

(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:

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Information to be included in the report

**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers**

(d) On December 12, 2006, our board of directors elected Richard A. Gephardt to serve on our board of directors, effective immediately. Mr. Gephardt was elected as a Class I director with a term expiring in 2008.

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**Signature(s)**

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: December 15, 2006

By: /s/ J. Per Brodin

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J. Per Brodin  
Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer