

CENTENE CORP  
Form 8-K  
February 02, 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): 02/01/2006**

**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)

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Information to be included in the report

### Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

On January 26, 2006, Managed Health Services Insurance Corp. (MHS), a wholly owned subsidiary of Centene Corporation, executed a contract for Medicaid and BadgerCare HMO Services with the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services (the Department). The contract is effective by its terms as of February 1, 2006. The initial contract term is effective through December 31, 2007; however, the parties may mutually agree to renew the contract for an additional one-year period. This contract replaces a prior contract between MHS and the Department which terminated January 31, 2006. The agreement may be terminated at any time by mutual agreement or by either party under the terms specified in the contract.

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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: February 02, 2006

By: /s/ Karey L. Witty

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Karey L. Witty  
Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer