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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): April 30, 2003

CENTENE CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	000-33395	04-1406317
(State or other jurisdiction of	(Commission	(I.R.S. Employer
incorporation or organization)	File Number)	Identification No.)

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

ITEM 7. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS.

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(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit

Number Description

99.1 Press release of Centene Corporation issued April 30, 2003 as to financial results for the quarter ended March 31, 2003

ITEM 9. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE (information furnished pursuant to "Item 12. Disclosure of Results of Operations and Financial Condition").

On April 30, 2003, we issued a press release announcing our financial results for the quarter ended March 31, 2003. 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.

In accordance with the procedural guidance in SEC Release No. 33-8216, the information in this Form 8-K and the exhibit attached hereto is being furnished under "Item 9. Regulation FD Disclosure" rather than under "Item 12. Disclosure of Results of Operations and Financial Condition." This information shall not be deemed to be "filed" for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

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: April 30, 2003 CENTENE CORPORATION

By: /s/ MICHAEL F. NEIDORFF

Michael F. Neidorff President and Chief Executive Officer