

CENTENE CORP  
Form 8-K  
July 26, 2006

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

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**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): July 25, 2006

**CENTENE CORPORATION**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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

**000-33395**  
(Commission  
File Number)

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

**7711 Carondelet Avenue, Suite 800**

**St. Louis, Missouri**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**63105**  
(Zip Code)

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

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(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 (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

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  - “ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**ITEM 7.01. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE**

On July 25, 2006, as part of our 2nd quarter 2006 earnings conference call, we posted on our website a presentation entitled Claims Liabilities: Change in Estimates for Q1 2006. A copy of the presentation is included as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

The information in this Form 8-K and exhibit 99.1 attached hereto 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 such information or exhibit 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.

**ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

(d) Exhibits

| <b>Exhibit<br/>Number</b> | <b>Description</b>   |
|---------------------------|--|
| 99.1                      | Copy of presentation entitled Claims Liabilities: Change in Estimates for Q1 2006 presented on July 25, 2006 |

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.

CENTENE CORPORATION

Date: July 26, 2006

By: /s/ J. Per Brodin  
**J. Per Brodin**

**Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer**

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