## **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): December 30, 2005

**CENTENE CORPORATION** 

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction 000-33395 (Commission File Number) 42-1406317 (IRS Employer

of Incorporation)

**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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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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

Effective December 30, 2005, Centene Plaza Redevelopment Corporation (CRC), a wholly owned subsidiary of Centene Corporation, executed an agreement with the City of Clayton, Missouri for the redevelopment of certain properties surrounding the Centene Corporation corporate offices. For Centene Corporation, the primary purpose of the agreement is to accommodate office expansion needs for future company growth.

The Agreement is included as Exhibit 10.1 to this current report. The above description is qualified in its entirety by reference to such exhibit.

#### ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit 10.1: Redevelopment Agreement for the Forsyth/Hanley Redevelopment Area between the City of Clayton, Missouri and Centene Plaza Redevelopment Corporation dated December 30, 2005.

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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.

CENTENE CORPORATION

Date: December 30, 2005 By: /s/ Karey L. Witty

Karey L. Witty Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

## EXHIBIT INDEX

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