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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * NEIDORFF MICHAEL F			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CENTENE CORP [CNC]			5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First) (Middle)	3. Date of	of Earliest T	ransaction	`	,		
7700 FORYSTH BOULEVARD			(Month/Day/Year) 07/28/2016			X Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specify below) Chairman, President and CEO			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original			6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
ST. LOUIS	, MO 63105		Filed(Mo	onth/Day/Yea	r)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by On Form filed by Mo Person			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - Non-	Derivative Securities Ac	quired, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned	
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		Date, if	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired on (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	

(Instr. 4) Code V Amount (D) Price Common 3,907,568.1753 07/28/2016 10,000 D M Α Stock (1) 12.6 Common By Ι 3,600 Stock Spouse

(A)

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Transaction(s)

(Instr. 3 and 4)

or Indirect

(Instr. 4)

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)			6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour Numbe Shares
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 12.6	07/28/2016		M		10,000	12/12/2007	12/12/2016	Common Stock	10
Phantom Stock	\$ 0 (2)						02/11/2011	02/11/2011(3)	Common Stock	101,1

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
NEIDORFF MICHAEL F						

7700 FORYSTH BOULEVARD X Chairman, President and CEO ST. LOUIS, MO 63105

Signatures

/s/ Jeffrey A. Schwaneke (executed by attorney-in-fact) 07/28/2016

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Ownership includes previous awards of 556,666 restricted stock units subject to vesting requirements.
- (2) Each share of phantom stock represents the right to receive the fair market value of one share of Centene common stock.
- (3) The phantom stock has no formal expiration date. The phantom stock will be settled in cash or other non-Company securities upon Mr. Neidorff's termination with the Company or on such other date Mr. Neidorff may elect.

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