CENTENE CORP Form 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **BROOKS MARK J** Issuer Symbol CENTENE CORP [CNC] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify 7700 FORSYTH BOULEVARD 09/23/2016 below) SVP, Chief Information Officer (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting ST. LOUIS, MO 63105 Person (City) (State) (Zip)

(City)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned										
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securit	ies	5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of			
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	onAcquired	(A) or	Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect			
(Instr. 3)		any	ny Code Disposed of (D)		Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial				
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3,	4 and 5)	Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership			
						Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)			
					(4)	Reported					
					(A)	Transaction(s)					
			C = V	A	or	(Instr. 3 and 4)					
~			Code V	Amount	(D) Price						
Common						29,570 (1)	D				
Stock						27,370 <u>~</u>	D				

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

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

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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)	5. Number of onDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	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	Amoun or Number of Share
Phantom Stock	\$ 0 (2)	09/23/2016		A	10.033 (3)	09/23/2016	09/23/2016(4)	Common Stock	10.03

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BROOKS MARK J 7700 FORSYTH BOULEVARD ST. LOUIS, MO 63105

SVP, Chief Information Officer

Signatures

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

09/27/2016

**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 23,539 shares of restricted stock 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 was acquired by Mr. Brooks through regular scheduled payroll contributions to the Company's deferred compensation plan.
- (4) The phantom stock has no formal expiration date. The phantom stock will be settled in cash or other non-Company securities upon Mr. Brooks' termination with the Company or on such other date Mr. Brooks may elect.

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