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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Hunter Jesse N

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Issuer

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Last)

(First)

(Middle)

CENTENE CORP [CNC]

(Check all applicable)

7700 FORSYTH BOULEVARD

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 12/12/2017

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title _ Other (specify

below) **EVP & Chief Strategy Officer**

(Street)

(Ctota)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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Person

ST. LOUIS, MO 63105

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-l	Derivative	Secur	ities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) our Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	12/12/2017		A	21,000	A	\$ 99.7	252,539 (1)	D	
Common Stock	12/13/2017		F	2,238 (2)	D	\$ 100.86	250,301 <u>(1)</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)

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. 6. Date Exerct orNumber of (Month/Day/Y) Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		te	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities	8. Pr Deriv Secu (Inst
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 8.42					04/28/2013	04/28/2018	Common Stock	8,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		

Hunter Jesse N 7700 FORSYTH BOULEVARD ST. LOUIS, MO 63105

EVP & Chief Strategy Officer

Signatures

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

12/14/2017

**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).

Ownership includes this award of 21,000 restricted stock units. 12,600 units are performance stock units. The number of performance stock units vesting at the end of the three year period is predicated on meeting three-year performance conditions. The remaining 8,400 units will vest in three annual installments on the anniversary of the grant date. In addition, ownership includes 63,668 shares of restricted stock units subject to vesting requirements.

(2) Shares withheld for taxes upon vesting of previously reported stock grant.

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