BLUME JESSICA L. Form 4 April 26, 2018

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

(Last)

(City)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * BLUME JESSICA L.

(First)

(Street)

(State)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

Issuer

(Middle)

(Zip)

CENTENE CORP [CNC] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)

7700 FORSYTH BLVD

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(Month/Day/Year)

04/24/2018

Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

SAINT LOUIS, MO 63105

1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 4. Securities Acquired Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) (A)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported

7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Form: Direct Beneficial (D) or Ownership Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Price

D

Common Stock

04/24/2018

A 1,925

V Amount

104.27

(D)

 $1.925^{(1)}$

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. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Numbe of Shar
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 110.57	04/24/2018		A	10,000	04/24/2021(2)	04/24/2028	Common Stock	10,00

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
• 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other		
BLUME JESSICA L. 7700 FORSYTH BLVD SAINT LOUIS, MO 63105	X					

Signatures

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

**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 1,925 shares of restricted stock vesting on the date of the April 2019 Annual Meeting of Stockholders, subject to meeting Board of Director meeting attendance conditions.

04/26/2018

(2) The options vest in three equal annual installments on the anniversary of the grant beginning on April 24, 2019.

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