CENTENE CORP Form 4 December 13, 2016

FORM 4

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

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Add Hunter Jesse I	•	ing Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
(Last) (First) (Middle)			CENTENE CORP [CNC] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)		
7700 FORSYTH BOULEVARD		VARD	(Month/Day/Year) 12/09/2016	Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specifically) below) EVP, Products		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)		
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1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if	3. Transactio	4. Securi		•	5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership Form: Direct	7. Nature of Indirect	
(Instr. 3)	, <u>,</u>	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3,	4 and	5)	Beneficially Owned Following	(D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)			
Common Stock	12/09/2016		F	9,590 (1)	D	\$ 56.94	218,143 (2)	D		
Common Stock	12/10/2016		F	7,994 (1)	D	\$ 56.8	210,149 (2)	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	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transacti	5. onNumber	6. Date Exerci Expiration Date		7. Title and A Underlying S		8. Pr Deri
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					of (D)					
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					4, and 5)					
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Common										
Stock Option (right to	\$ 8.42					04/28/2013	04/28/2018	Common Stock	20,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relat	ionships	
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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Hunter Jesse N

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7700 FORSYTH BOULEVARD EVP, Products

ST. LOUIS, MO 63105

Signatures

/s/ Jeffrey A. Schwaneke (executed by attorney-in-fact) 12/13/2016

**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) Shares withheld for taxes upon vesting of previously reported stock grant.
- (2) Ownership includes previous awards of 60,000 restricted stock units subject to vesting requirements.

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