

CENTENE CORP

Form 4

April 01, 2008

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
DITMORE ROBERT K

(Last) (First) (Middle)

7711 CARONDELET AVENUE

(Street)

ST. LOUIS, MO 63105

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
CENTENE CORP [CNC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/31/2008

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	03/31/2008		A	V Amount (1) 1,857.749	(A) or (D) Price A \$ 14.13	272,193.297 (2)	D
Common Stock					15,250	I	By spouse (3)
Common Stock					5,600	I	See footnote (4)
Common Stock					59,200	I	See footnote (5)

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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative 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)		8. Pr Deri Secu (Inst	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.57							05/03/2004	07/24/2012	Common Stock	22,500
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.65							04/26/2005	05/04/2014	Common Stock	10,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DITMORE ROBERT K 7711 CARONDELET AVENUE ST. LOUIS, MO 63105	X			

Signatures

/s/ Eric R. Slusser (executed by
attorney-in-fact) 04/01/2008

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Shares represent restricted stock units reserved in lieu of cash payment of fees under the Company's Non-employee Directors Stock Compensation Plan.

(2) Mr. Ditmore's ownership includes 3,127 restricted stock units which will vest in full on April 24, 2008.

Shares owned by spouse who shares Mr. Ditmore's household. Mr. Ditmore disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by his spouse, and the inclusion of these shares in this report shall not be deemed an admission of beneficial ownership of all of the reported shares for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

(4) Owned by the Ditmore 2002 Charitable Remainder Trust, of which Mr. Ditmore is a co-trustee.

Owned by the Ditmore Family Management Company LLC, of which Mr. Ditmore is a chief manager. Mr. Ditmore disclaims beneficial ownership except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein, and the inclusion of these shares in this report shall not be deemed an admission of beneficial ownership of all of the reported shares for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.

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