CENTENE CORP Form 4

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

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Hunter Jesse N Issuer Symbol CENTENE CORP [CNC] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title _ Other (specify 7700 FORSYTH BOULEVARD 12/09/2014 below) EVP, Chief Bus. Dev. 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) Tabl	e I - Non-D	Derivative S	Securi	ities Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			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	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	12/09/2014		A	30,000	A	\$ 99.25	123,891 (1)	D	
Common Stock	12/10/2014		F	1,745 (2)	D	\$ 99.5	122,146 (1)	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	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities	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
	Security				Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)					
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 25.4					12/13/2007	12/13/2015	Common Stock	20	
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 25.21					12/12/2011	12/12/2016	Common Stock	12,000	
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.84					04/28/2013	04/28/2018	Common Stock	10,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Director 10% Owner Officer		Officer	Other				
Hunter Jesse N 7700 FORSYTH BOULEVARD ST. LOUIS, MO 63105			EVP, Chief Bus. Dev. Officer					
Signatures								
/s/ William N. Scheffel (executed attorney-in-fact)	by		12/11/2014					
**Signature of Reporting Person	on		Date					

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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 30,000 restricted stock units. Half of the units will vest in three annual installments on the anniversary of the grant date. The remaining half are performance stock units. The number of performance stock units vesting over three annual
- installments is predicated on meeting a one year performance condition. In addition, ownership includes previous awards of 39,666 restricted stock units subject to vesting requirements.
- (2) Shares withheld for taxes upon vesting of previously reported stock grant.

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