CENTENE CORP Form 4

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FORM 4

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

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 NEIDORFF MICHAEL F Issuer Symbol CENTENE CORP [CNC] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) _X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title _ Other (specify 7700 FORYSTH BOULEVARD 08/07/2014 below) Chairman, President and CEO (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 | le I - No | n-D | erivative Se | ecuriti | es Acqu | ired, 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. Transa Code (Instr. | | 4. Securitie n(A) or Disp (Instr. 3, 4 | posed o | of (D) | 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 | 08/07/2014 | | G | V | 3,000 | D | \$0 | 1,737,143 (1) | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/10/2014 | | A | | 140,000 | A | \$ 99.5 | 1,877,143 <u>(1)</u> | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 1,800 | I | By Spouse |

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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Dr.Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | e | 7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and | Securities |
|---|---|---|---|--|--|---------------------|-----------------|---|----------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Phantom Stock | \$ 0 (2) | | | | | 02/11/2011 | 02/11/2011(3) | Common Stock | 50,569.00 |
| Common Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 25.4 | | | | | 12/13/2008 | 12/13/2015 | Common Stock | 200,000 |
| Common Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 25.21 | | | | | 12/12/2009 | 12/12/2016 | Common Stock | 96,034 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|--|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| NEIDORFF MICHAEL F | | | | | | | |
| 7700 FORYSTH BOULEVARD | X | | Chairman, President and CEO | | | | |
| ST. LOUIS, MO 63105 | | | | | | | |

Signatures

/s/ William N. Scheffel (executed by attorney-in-fact) 12/11/2014

**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).

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Ownership includes this award of 140,000 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 305,000 restricted stock units subject to vesting requirements.

- (2) Each share of phantom stock represents the right to receive the fair market value of one share of Centene common stock.
- (3) The phantom stock has no formal expiration date. The phantom stock will be settled in cash or other non-Company securities upon Mr. Neidorff's termination with the Company or on such other date Mr. Neidorff may elect.

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