CENTENE CORP
Form 4
December 17, 2013

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] AYALA ORLANDO	2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol **CENTENE CORP [CNC]**	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Last)　　　(First)　　　(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 12/17/2013	(Check all applicable) __X__ Director 　_____ 10% Owner _____ Officer (give title 　_____ Other (specify below)　　　　　　　below)
7700 FORSYTH BOULEVARD		
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
ST. LOUIS, MO 63105		
(City)　　　(State)　　　(Zip)		

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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price $			
Common Stock	12/17/2013		P		17,600	A	56.41 (1)	29,193 (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 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)	$ 31.39							09/19/2014	09/19/2021	Common Stock	10,000	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
AYALA ORLANDO 7700 FORSYTH BOULEVARD ST. LOUIS, MO 63105	X			

Signatures

/s/ William N. Scheffel (executed by attorney-in-fact)	12/17/2013
**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) The weighted average price for this transaction is reported within the form. Full information regarding the number of shares at each price is available upon request.

(2) Ownership includes 4,000 shares of restricted stock subject to vesting requirements.

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