CENTENE CORP Form 4

December 17, 2013

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

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Hunter Jesse N

(First) (Last)

(Middle)

(Zip)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

7700 FORSYTH BOULEVARD

(Street)

(State)

12/13/2013

12/14/2013

(Month/Day/Year)

ST. LOUIS, MO 63105

(City)

1.Title of

Security

(Instr. 3)

Common

Common

Stock

Stock

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

CENTENE CORP [CNC] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 12/13/2013

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 3. 4. Securities Acquired Execution Date, if

(1)

(1)

4,827

Code (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8)

Code V

F

F

Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

(A)

Amount (D) Price 1,390 \$ D

54.26 D

 $103,905 \frac{(2)}{}$

 $108,732 \stackrel{(2)}{=}$

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner

X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below)

EVP, Chief Bus. Dev. Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

D

D

Person

5. Amount of

Securities

Following

Reported

Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Owned

Beneficially

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial

Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

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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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Dr.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 An Underlying Sec (Instr. 3 and 4)		Securities	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)	\$ 25.4					12/13/2010	12/13/2015	Common Stock	8,000	
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							
F8	Director	10% Owner	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		12/17/2013					
**Signature of Reporting Pers	on		Date					

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- * 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 47,500 restricted stock units subject to vesting requirements.

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