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

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): March 1, 2016

CENTENE CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware 001-31826 42-1406317 (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

7700 Forsyth Boulevard St. Louis, Missouri 63105

(Address of Principal Executive Office and zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (314) 725-4477

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On March 1, 2016, Mr. William N. Scheffel, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, retired from the Company. As previously reported on August 12, 2015, Mr. Jeffrey A. Schwaneke has been designated as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer upon Mr. Scheffel's retirement.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CENTENE CORPORATION

Date: March 1, 2016 By: /s/ Keith H. Williamson

Keith H. Williamson

Executive Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary