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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** Baldwin Kenneth Rone | | | 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 | (Check all applicable) | | | |
| 7700 FORSYTH BOULEVARD | | | (Month/Day/Year) 12/09/2016 | Director 10% Owner Selection | | | |
| (Street) ST. LOUIS, MO 63105 | | | 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 Person | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zin) | | | | | |

| (City) | (State) (| Table Table | I - Non-D | erivative | Secur | ities Acqu | uired, Disposed of | f, or Beneficiall | y Owned |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|------------------|-------------------------|-----------|-------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| 1.Title of Security | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 3. Transactio | 4. Securi n(A) or Di | | | 5. Amount of Securities | 6. Ownership Form: Direct | 7. Nature of Indirect |
| (Instr. 3) | | any | Code | (Instr. 3, | 4 and | 5) | Beneficially | (D) or | Beneficial |
| | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | | | | Owned Following | Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | (A) or | | Reported Transaction(s) | | |
| | | | Code V | Amount | (D) | Price | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| Common Stock | 12/09/2016 | | F | 6,395 (1) | D | \$ 56.94 | 105,099 (2) | D | |
| Common Stock | 12/10/2016 | | F | 9,590 (1) | D | \$ 56.8 | 95,509 (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 | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exerc | | 7. Title | | 8. Price of | 9. Nu |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------|------------|---------------|------------|----------|----------|-------------|--------|
| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transacti | orNumber | Expiration D | ate | Amou | nt of | Derivative | Deriv |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | of | (Month/Day/ | Year) | Under | lying | Security | Secur |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivative | e | | Securi | ties | (Instr. 5) | Bene |
| | Derivative | | | | Securities | | | (Instr. | 3 and 4) | | Own |
| | Security | | | | Acquired | | | | | | Follo |
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| | | | | | of (D) | | | | | | (Instr |
| | | | | | (Instr. 3, | | | | | | |
| | | | | | 4, and 5) | | | | | | |
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| | | | | | | Date | Expiration | | or | | |
| | | | | | | Exercisable | Date | | Number | | |
| | | | | | | Excicisable | | | of | | |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Baldwin Kenneth Rone

7700 FORSYTH BOULEVARD EVP, Markets

ST. LOUIS, MO 63105

Signatures

/s/ Jeffrey A. Schwaneke (executed by 12/13/2016 attorney-in-fact)

> **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).
- (1) Shares withheld for taxes upon vesting of previously reported stock grant.
- (2) Ownership includes previous awards of 48,332 restricted stock units subject to vesting requirements.

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