

CENTENE CORP

Form 4

April 29, 2010

FORM 4
UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
NEIDORFF MICHAEL F

(Last) (First) (Middle)

7711 CARONDELET AVENUE

(Street)

ST. LOUIS, MO 63105

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
CENTENE CORP [CNC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
04/29/2010

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify below)

Chairman, President and CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
☐ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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)
Common Stock	04/29/2010		S	Amount 25,000 (A) or (D) D (1)	Price \$ 23.94	1,506,234 ⁽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)**

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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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock	\$ 0 ⁽³⁾					04/16/2010 04/16/2010 ⁽⁴⁾	Common Stock 102,73
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.57					07/24/2007 07/24/2012	Common Stock 10,210
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.98					12/16/2006 12/16/2013	Common Stock 200,000
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.58					08/26/2008 08/26/2013	Common Stock 244,036
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 17.85					07/27/2007 07/27/2014	Common Stock 180,000
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 100,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
NEIDORFF MICHAEL F 7711 CARONDELET AVENUE ST. LOUIS, MO 63105	X		Chairman, President and CEO	

Signatures

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

04/29/2010

__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).
Sale pursuant to a 10b5-1 Trading Plan established December 15, 2009, to satisfy tax obligations on stock acquired in 2009 and 2010. The
- (1) weighted average price for this transaction is reported within the form. Full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price is available upon request.
- (2) Ownership includes previous awards of 650,000 restricted stock units subject to vesting requirements.
- (3) Each share of phantom stock represents the right to receive the fair market value of one share of Centene common stock.
- (4) 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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