

GOLDMAN CAROL

Form 4

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

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
GOLDMAN CAROL

(Last) (First) (Middle)

7700 FORSYTH BOULEVARD

(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)
12/14/2010

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)

Exec VP Chief Admin Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ 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	12/14/2010		A	20,000	A \$ 23.88	100,635 ⁽¹⁾	D
Common Stock	12/14/2010		F	4,051 ⁽²⁾	D \$ 23.88	96,584 ⁽¹⁾	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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock	\$ 0 ⁽³⁾					12/31/2007 12/31/2007 ⁽⁴⁾	Common Stock 220,672
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.58					08/26/2004 08/26/2013	Common Stock 17,500
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.98					12/16/2007 12/16/2013	Common Stock 5,324
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.65					05/04/2007 05/04/2014	Common Stock 6,000
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 26.07					12/08/2009 12/08/2014	Common Stock 40,000
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 25.4					12/13/2010 12/13/2015	Common Stock 10,000
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 25.21					12/12/2011 12/12/2016	Common Stock 5,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GOLDMAN CAROL 7700 FORSYTH BOULEVARD ST. LOUIS, MO 63105			Exec VP Chief Admin Officer	

Signatures

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

12/16/2010

__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).
- (1) Ownership includes this award of 20,000 restricted stock units which vest in three annual installments on the anniversary of the grant date. In addition, ownership includes previous awards of 24,900 restricted stock units which are subject to vesting requirements.
- (2) Shares withheld for taxes upon vesting of previously reported stock grant.
- (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 Ms. Goldman's termination with the Company or on such other date Ms. Goldman may elect.

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