

Hunter Jesse N
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 *
Hunter Jesse N

(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)
10/31/2011

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, Corporate Development

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	10/31/2011		M	9,000 A	\$ 13.58	113,270 ⁽¹⁾	D
Common Stock	10/31/2011		F	3,438 ₍₂₎ D	\$ 35.56	109,832 ⁽¹⁾	D
Common Stock	11/01/2011		S	4,000 ₍₃₎ D	\$ 34.32	105,832 ⁽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
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.58	10/31/2011		M	9,000	08/26/2006	08/26/2013	Common Stock	9,000
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
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
Hunter Jesse N 7700 FORSYTH BOULEVARD ST. LOUIS, MO 63105	Exec VP, Corporate Development

Signatures

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

11/02/2011

__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) Mr. Hunter's ownership includes previous awards of 67,167 restricted stock units subject to vesting requirements.
- (2) Shares withheld for payment of exercise price of previously reported stock grant.
- (3) This sale is pursuant to a 10b5-1 Trading Plan established on September 2, 2011. The weighted average price for this transaction is reported within the form. Full information regarding the number of shares at each price is available upon request.

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