CENTENE CORP Form 5

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FORM 5

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ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 1(b). Form 3 Holdings Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section Reported 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

Form 4 Transactions Reported

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CENTENE CORP [CNC]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
	(Check all applicable) _X_ Director 10% Owner _X_ Officer (give title Other (specify			
	below) below) Chairman, President and CEO			
4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (check applicable line)			
	Symbol CENTENE CORP [CNC] 3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2016 4. If Amendment, Date Original			

ST. LOUIS, MOÂ 63105

X Form Filed by One Reporting Person _ Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person

(City)	(State)	(Zip) 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)	(A) or Di (D)	(A) or		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
Common Stock	12/23/2016	Â	G	30,000	D	\$0	3,876,583.1753 (1)	D	Â		
Common Stock	12/27/2016	Â	G	12,500	D	\$0	3,864,083.1753 (1)	D	Â		
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	3,600	I	By Spouse		
Common Stock	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	200,000	I	By GRAT (2)		

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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)		4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Deriva Securi Acquir (A) or Dispos of (D) (Instr. 4, and	ative ties red sed	6. Date Exerci Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Y	te	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
					(A) ((D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Phantom Stock	\$ 0 (3)	Â	Â	Â	Â.	Â	02/11/2011	02/11/2011(4)	Common Stock	101,13
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 57.02	Â	Â	Â	Â	Â	12/14/2019	12/14/2026	Common Stock	20,0

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
1	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
NEIDORFF MICHAEL F 7700 FORYSTH BOULEVARD ST. LOUIS Â MOÂ 63105	ÂX	Â	Chairman, President and CEO	Â			

Signatures

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

02/13/2017

**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 previous awards of 553,332 restricted stock units subject to vesting requirements.
- (2) Owned by a grantor retained annuity trust of which Mr. Neidorff is the trustee and beneficiary of the annuity.
- (3) Each share of phantom stock represents the right to receive the fair market value of one share of Centene common stock.

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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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