CENTENE CORP Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * BOWERS CHRISTOPHER D			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CENTENE CORP [CNC]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check an applicable)			
7700 FORSYTH BOULEVARD		VARD	(Month/Day/Year) 12/13/2016	Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specifically) below) EVP, Markets			
(Street)			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
ST. LOUIS, MO 63105			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

ST. LOUIS	MO 63105		Form filed by More than One Reporting Person						
(City)	(State) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned								
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securities Acquired	5. Amount of	6.	7. Nature of		
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	or(A) or Disposed of (D)	Securities	Ownership	Indirect		
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	Beneficially	Form: Direct	Beneficial		
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)		Owned	(D) or	Ownership		

		Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/13/2016	A	25,000	A	\$ 56.26	75,804.173 (1)	D
Common Stock	12/15/2016	F	931 (2)	D	\$ 56.14	74,873.173 (1)	D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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(Instr. 4)

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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	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	TransactionNumber		Expiration D	xpiration Date		t of	Derivative	Deriv
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	of	(Month/Day/	Year)	Underly	ying	Security	Secui
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	Derivative				Securities			(Instr. 3	3 and 4)		Own
	Security				Acquired						Follo
	•				(A) or						Repo
					Disposed						Trans
					of (D)						(Instr
					(Instr. 3,						
					4, and 5)						
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									Amount		
						Date	Expiration		Or Number		
						Exercisable	Date		Number		
				C + V	(A) (D)				of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

10% Owner Officer Other Director

BOWERS CHRISTOPHER D 7700 FORSYTH BOULEVARD ST. LOUIS, MO 63105

EVP, Markets

Signatures

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

12/15/2016

**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).
- Ownership includes this award of 25,000 restricted stock units. 10,000 units will vest in three annual installments on the anniversary of the grant date. The remaining 15,000 units are performance stock units. The number of performance stock units vesting at the end of the
- three year period is predicated on meeting three-year performance conditions. In addition, ownership includes 15,375 shares of restricted stock units subject to vesting requirements.
- (2) Shares withheld for taxes upon vesting of previously reported stock grant.

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