

NEIDORFF MICHAEL F

Form 4

January 29, 2007

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)
01/26/2007

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 and CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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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				(A) or (D)	1,455,837 ⁽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)**

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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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Phantom Stock	\$ 0 ⁽²⁾	01/26/2007		A		87.727 ⁽³⁾		01/26/2007	01/26/2007 ⁽⁴⁾	Common Stock	87.7
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.57							07/24/2007	07/24/2012	Common Stock	50,000
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.58							08/26/2008	08/26/2013	Common Stock	254,000
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.98							12/16/2006	12/16/2013	Common Stock	200,000
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
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Director 10% Owner Officer Other

NEIDORFF MICHAEL F
7711 CARONDELET AVENUE X Chairman and CEO
ST. LOUIS, MO 63105

Signatures

/s/ J. Per Brodin (executed by
attorney-in-fact) 01/29/2007

__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) Includes 1,000,000 Restricted Stock Units, 600,000 of which vest in full on November 8, 2009 and 80,000 each on November 8, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014.
- (2) Each share of phantom stock represents the right to receive the fair market value of one share of Centene common stock.
- (3) The phantom stock was acquired by Mr. Neidorff through regular scheduled payroll contributions to the Company's deferred compensation plan.
- (4) The phantom stock has no formal expiration date. The phantom stock will be settled in cash upon Mr. Neidorff's termination with the Company or on such other date Mr. Neidorff may elect.

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