

CENTENE CORP
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
NEIDORFF MICHAEL F

(Last) (First) (Middle)

7700 FORYSTH 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)
02/29/2012

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, President and CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount or Price | | |
| Common Stock | 02/29/2012 | | M | | 100,000 A \$ 13.58 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/29/2012 | | S | | 100,000 (2) D \$ 48.97 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/01/2012 | | M | | 22,759 A \$ 13.58 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/01/2012 | | M | | 45,832 A \$ 13.98 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/01/2012 | | S | | 68,591 (2) D \$ 48.93 | D | |

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|--------------|------------|---|-------------------|---|----------|----------------------|---|
| Common Stock | 03/02/2012 | M | 81,409 | A | \$ 13.98 | 1,764,300 <u>(1)</u> | D |
| Common Stock | 03/02/2012 | S | 81,409 <u>(2)</u> | D | \$ 47.45 | 1,682,891 <u>(1)</u> | 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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable Expiration Date | Title Amount Number of Shares |
| Common Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 13.58 | 02/29/2012 | | M | 100,000 | 08/26/2008 08/26/2013 | Common Stock 10 |
| Common Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 13.58 | 03/01/2012 | | M | 22,759 | 08/26/2008 08/26/2013 | Common Stock 22 |
| Common Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 13.98 | 03/01/2012 | | M | 45,832 | 12/16/2004 12/16/2013 | Common Stock 45 |
| Common Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 13.98 | 03/02/2012 | | M | 81,409 | 12/16/2005 12/16/2013 | Common Stock 81 |
| Phantom Stock | \$ 0 <u>(3)</u> | | | | | 02/11/2011 02/11/2011 ⁽⁴⁾ | Common Stock 50,5 |
| Common Stock | \$ 17.85 | | | | | 07/27/2007 07/27/2014 | Common Stock 18 |

Option
(right to
buy)

Common
Stock

Option \$ 25.4
(right to
buy)

12/13/2008 12/13/2015

Common
Stock

20

Common
Stock

Option \$ 25.21
(right to
buy)

12/12/2009 12/12/2016

Common
Stock

90

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| NEIDORFF MICHAEL F 7700 FORYSTH BOULEVARD ST. LOUIS, MO 63105 | X | | Chairman, President and CEO | |

Signatures

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

03/02/2012

__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 540,000 shares of restricted stock subject to vesting requirements.

This sale is pursuant to a 10b5-1 Trading Plan established on February 15, 2012 and for diversification of assets for estate planning. The

(2) 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.

(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 Mr. Neidorff's termination with the Company or on such other date Mr. Neidorff may elect.

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