CENTENE CORP Form 4 November 15, 2016

FORM 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** BROOKS MARK J	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				
	(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner			
7700 FORSYTH BOULEVARD	11/12/2016	X Officer (give title Other (specify below) SVP, Chief Information Officer			
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
ST LOUIS MO 62105	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting			
ST. LOUIS, MO 63105		Person			
(0:)					

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	rities Acq	uired, Disposed o	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any	3. Transaction	4. Securi on(A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose	d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or	Indirect Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8) Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	11/12/2016		F	1,051 (1)	D	\$ 50.68	27,816 <u>(2)</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)

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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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		e	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Phantom Stock	\$ 0 (3)					11/04/2016	11/04/2016(4)	Common Stock	103.385	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BROOKS MARK J 7700 FORSYTH BOULEVARD ST. LOUIS, MO 63105

SVP, Chief Information Officer

Signatures

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

11/15/2016

**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).
- (1) Shares withheld for taxes upon vesting of previously reported stock grant.
- (2) Ownership includes 20,389 shares of restricted stock subject to vesting requirements.
- (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. Brooks' termination with the Company or on such other date Mr. Brooks may elect.

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