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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person * Statement CENTENE CORP [CNC] À BOWERS CHRISTOPHER D (Month/Day/Year) 11/11/2016 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) 7700 FORSYTH BOULEVARD (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) 10% Owner Director _X_ Form filed by One Reporting _X__ Officer Other Person (give title below) (specify below) ST. LOUIS, MOÂ 63105 Form filed by More than One EVP, Markets Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Ownership Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D Â Common Stock 55,311.173 (1)

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exer Expiration D (Month/Day/Year)	ate	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		4. Conversion or Exercise Price of	5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	

Shares

(I) (Instr. 5)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Director 10% Owner Officer

Other

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

Â EVP, Markets Â

Signatures

/s/ Keith H. Williamson (executed by attorney-in-fact)

11/21/2016

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- ** 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 previous awards of 26,950 restricted stock units. 5,825 units will vest in three equal annual installments on the anniversary of the grant date beginning on December 15, 2016. An additional 5,825, granted on December 15, 2015, 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

(1) performance conditions. The remaining restricted stock units will vest in the following manner: 5,100 restricted stock units vest in three equal annual installments on the anniversary of the grant date beginning December 9, 2016; 4,532 restricted stock units vest in two equal annual installments on the anniversary of the grant date beginning December 9, 2016 and 5,668 restricted stock units vest on December 10, 2016.

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