BRINKLEY CYNTHIA J

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **BRINKLEY CYNTHIA J** Issuer Symbol CENTENE CORP [CNC] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify 7700 FORSYTH BOULEVARD 12/12/2017 below) President & COO (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

ST. LOUIS, MO 63105

(State)

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(C:tr.)

(City) (State)		Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned								
	1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if	3. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Transactionr Disposed of (D)			5. Amount of 6. Securities Ownership	7. Nature of Indirect		
	(Instr. 3)		any	Code	Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			Beneficially	Form:	Beneficial
			(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)		(A) or		Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	()		
	Common Stock	12/12/2017		A	45,000	A	\$ 99.7	179,887 (1)	D	
	Common Stock	12/13/2017		F	3,197 (2)	D	\$ 100.86	176,690 <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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	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)					02/16/2016	02/16/2016(4)	Common Stock	2,332.436

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BRINKLEY CYNTHIA J 7700 FORSYTH BOULEVARD ST. LOUIS, MO 63105

President & COO

Signatures

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

12/14/2017

**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 45,000 restricted stock units. 27,000 units are performance stock units. The number of performance
- (1) stock units vesting at the end of the three year period is predicated on meeting three-year performance conditions. The remaining 18,000 units will vest in three annual installments on the anniversary of the grant date. In addition, ownership includes 85,001 shares of restricted stock units subject to vesting requirements.
- (2) Shares withheld for taxes upon vesting of previously reported stock grant.
- (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 Ms. Brinkley's termination with the Company or on such other date Ms. Brinkley may elect.

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