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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

may continue.

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **BROOKS MARK J** Issuer Symbol CENTENE CORP [CNC] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner _X__ Officer (give title _ Other (specify 7700 FORSYTH BOULEVARD 03/12/2018 below) EVP, Chief Information Officer (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 Person (Ctota)

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	le I - Non-I	Derivative Securities Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if		4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D)	5. Amount of Securities	6. Ownership	7. Nature of Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	Beneficially	Form: Direct	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)		Owned	(D) or	Ownership
					Following	Indirect (I)	(Instr. 4)
				(4)	Reported	(Instr. 4)	
				(A)	Transaction(s)		
			Code V	or Amount (D) Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	03/12/2018		S	$^{4,165}_{(1)}$ D $^{\$}_{102.27}$	50,037 (2)	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. mNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercis Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Y	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)					12/29/2016	12/29/2016(4)	Common Stock	151.534

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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

EVP, Chief Information Officer

Signatures

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

03/13/2018

**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) This sale is pursuant to a 10b5-1 Trading Plan that was established on February 8, 2018.
- (2) Ownership includes 41,902 shares of restricted stock units 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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