CENTENE CORP Form 4

FORM 4

May 30, 2014

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and A Hunter Jesse | • | rting Person * | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CENTENE CORP [CNC] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------|----------------|---|---|--|--|--|
| (Last) | (Last) (First) (Middle) | | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | (= an approximation) | | | |
| 7700 FORSYTH BOULEVARD | | EVARD | (Month/Day/Year) 05/12/2014 | Director 10% Owner _X Officer (give title Other (specify below) EVP, Chief Bus. Dev. Officer | | | |
| (Street) | | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person | | | |
| ST. LOUIS, MO 63105 | | | | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities A | cauired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | |

| (City) | (State) | Table Table | e I - No | n-D | erivative S | Securi | ities Acqu | iired, Disposed of | , or Beneficiall | y Owned |
|--------------------------------------|---|-------------|---|--------|---|------------------|--|---|---|---------|
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | | 4. Securities Acquired on(A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| Common | 05/12/2014 | | Code | v V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) 97,150 (1) | (Instr. 4) | |
| Stock | 03/12/2014 | | G | v | 500 | ט | ΦU | 97,130 (4) | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/12/2014 | | G | V | 1,000 | D | \$ 0 | 96,150 <u>(1)</u> | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/28/2014 | | M | | 7,980 | A | \$ 25.4 | 104,130 (1) | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/28/2014 | | F/K | | 2,739 (2) | D | \$ 74.02 | 101,391 (1) | 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) | Secur Acqu (A) o Dispo | rities ired or osed of 3, 4, | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|---|---|--|---------------------------------|------------------------------|--|--------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Common Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 25.4 | 05/28/2014 | | M | | 7,980 | 12/13/2010 | 12/13/2015 | Common Stock | 7,980 |
| Common Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 25.21 | | | | | | 12/12/2011 | 12/12/2016 | Common Stock | 12,000 |
| Common Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 16.84 | | | | | | 04/28/2013 | 04/28/2018 | Common Stock | 10,000 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Keiauonsnips | | | | | | |
|--------------------------------|--------------|-----------|------------------------------|-------|--|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| Hunter Jesse N | | | | | | | |
| 7700 FORSYTH BOULEVARD | | | EVP, Chief Bus. Dev. Officer | | | | |
| ST. LOUIS, MO 63105 | | | | | | | |

Signatures

/s/ William N. Scheffel (executed by attorney-in-fact) 05/30/2014

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

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- * 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 previous awards of 43,833 restricted stock units subject to vesting requirements.
- (2) Shares withheld for payment of exercise price of previously reported stock grant.

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