

HITCHCOCK ROBERT T  
 Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement		3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â HITCHCOCK ROBERT T			(Month/Day/Year)		CENTENE CORP [CNC]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	10/22/2012		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	
7700 FORSYTH BLVD.					5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
(Street)						
ST. LOUIS,Â MOÂ 63105					6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)			<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	

(Check all applicable)

Director       10% Owner  
 Officer       Other  
 (give title below)      (specify below)  
 EVP Health Plans

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	20,000 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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

Shares (I)  
(Instr. 5)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HITCHCOCK ROBERT T 7700 FORSYTH BLVD. ST. LOUIS, MO 63105	Â	Â	Â EVP Health Plans	Â

## Signatures

/s/ William N. Scheffel (executed by attorney-in-fact) 10/24/2012

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) Mr. Hitchcock's ownership includes 20,000 restricted stock units which vest in three equal annual installments on the anniversary of the grant date beginning on October 22, 2013.

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