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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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(Print or Type Responses)

1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * GOLDMAN CAROL			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CENTENE CORP [CNC]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)			
7700 FORSYTH BOULEVARD		/ARD	(Month/Day/Year) 02/12/2016	Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) Exec VP Chief Admin Officer			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)			
ST. LOUIS, MO 63105			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

ST. LOUIS,	MO 63105				Person		8
(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-D	erivative Securities Acqu	ired, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securities Acquired	5. Amount of	6.	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	n(A) or Disposed of (D)	Securities	Ownership	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	Beneficially	Form: Direct	Beneficial

(Instr. 3)	(Month/Day/Year)	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code	Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			Beneficially Owned Following Reported	Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	02/12/2016		M		6,000	A	\$ 12.6	100,945 (1)	D	
Common Stock	02/12/2016		F		3,610 (2)	D	\$ 53.72	97,335 (1)	D	
Common Stock	02/12/2016		G	V	11,614	D	\$ 0	85,721 <u>(1)</u>	D	
Common Stock	02/12/2016		G	V	11,614	A	\$0	48,580	I	By Trust

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)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Shares
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 12.6	02/12/2016		M	6,000	12/12/2009	12/12/2016	Common Stock	6,000
Phantom Stock	\$ 0 (4)					12/31/2007	12/31/2007(5)	Common Stock	441.34

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

GOLDMAN CAROL

7700 FORSYTH BOULEVARD Exec VP Chief Admin Officer

ST. LOUIS, MO 63105

Signatures

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

02/17/2016

**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) Ownership includes previous awards of 78,500 restricted stock units subject to vesting requirements.
- (2) Shares withheld for payment of exercise price and tax liability of previously reported stock grant.
- (3) The reporting person serves as co-trustee and co-beneficiary of the trust with her spouse.
- (4) Each share of phantom stock represents the right to receive the fair market value of one share of Centene common stock.

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(5) The phantom stock has no formal expiration date. The phantom stock will be settled in cash or other non-Company securities upon Ms. Goldman's termination with the Company or on such other date Ms. Goldman may elect.

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