CENTENE CORP Form 4

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Hunter Jesse N			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CENTENE CORP [CNC]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last) (First) (Middle)		(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(======= an application)		
			(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner		
7700 FORSYTH BOULEVARD			06/24/2016	_X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below)		
				EVP, Products		
(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		
ST. LOUIS, MO 63105				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-E	Derivative S	Securi	ities Acqu	ired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8) (A) or			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	06/24/2016		M	24,000	A	\$ 12.6	240,329 (1)	D	
Common Stock	06/24/2016		F/K	7,596 (2)	D	\$ 69.84	232,733 (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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	orDeriv Secur Acqui	rities ired (A) sposed 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)	\$ 12.6	06/24/2016		M		24,000	12/12/2011	12/12/2016	Common Stock	24,000
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 8.42						04/28/2013	04/28/2018	Common Stock	20,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
• 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			

Hunter Jesse N

7700 FORSYTH BOULEVARD EVP, Products

ST. LOUIS, MO 63105

Signatures

/s/ Jeffrey A. Schwaneke (executed by attorney-in-fact) 06/27/2016

**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 96,668 restricted stock units subject to vesting requirements.
- (2) Shares withheld for payment of exercise price and tax liability of previously reported stock grant.

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