SCHEFFEL WILLIAM N

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FORM 4

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See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading SCHEFFEL WILLIAM N 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 06/03/2011 below) Exec VP, CFO & Treasurer (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

(City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) Owned Ownership (Instr. 8) (D) or Following Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Reported (Instr. 4) (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Code V Amount (D) Price 40,000 Common \$ 06/03/2011 S D $126,742 \frac{(2)}{}$ D (1) Stock 34.68

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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Pr Deri Secu (Inst
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 26.07					12/08/2009	12/08/2014	Common Stock	3	
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 32.06					07/26/2010	07/26/2015	Common Stock	25,000	
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 25.4					12/13/2010	12/13/2015	Comon Stock	10,000	
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 25.21					12/12/2011	12/12/2016	Common Stock	10,000	

Reporting Owners

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

SCHEFFEL WILLIAM N 7700 FORSYTH BOULEVARD ST. LOUIS, MO 63105

Exec VP, CFO & Treasurer

Signatures

/s/ William N. Scheffel 06/07/2011

**Signature of Date
Reporting Person

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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) This sale is pursuant to a 10b5-1 Trading Plan established May 20, 2011. The weighted average price for this transaction is reported within the form. Full information regarding the number of shares at each price is available upon request.
- (2) Mr. Scheffel's ownership includes previous awards of 56,334 restricted stock units subject to vesting requirements.

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