### UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 20549

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	FORM 10-Q	
(Mark One)		
[X]QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT T EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934	ГО SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF T	HE SECURITIES
For the quarterly period ended June 30, 2009	9 OR	
[ ] TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT T EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934	TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF T	HE SECURITIES
For the transition period from to		
Со	ommission file number 001-31826	S
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# CENTENE CORPORATION (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) 42-1406317 (I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

7711 Carondelet Avenue
St. Louis, Missouri
(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

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Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

(314) 725-4477

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant: (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days: T Yes £ No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). £ Yes £ No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer", "accelerated filer" and "small reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. Large accelerated filer T Accelerated filer £ Non-accelerated filer £ (do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company £

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes £ No T

As of July 17, 2009, the registrant had 45,357,834 shares of common stock outstanding.

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