CENTENE CORP Form 5 February 13, 2017

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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 | 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exerc | cisable and | 7. Title and | 8. Price of |
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| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivative | e | | Securities | (Instr. 5) |
| | Derivative | | | | Securities | | | (Instr. 3 and 4 | l) |
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Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|--------------|-------|--|--|
| FB | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | |
| BOWERS CHRISTOPHER D 7700 FORSYTH BOULEVARD ST. LOUIS Â MOÂ 63105 | Â | Â | EVP, Markets | Â | | |

Signatures

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

02/13/2017

**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 40,375 shares of restricted stock units subject to vesting requirements.

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