CENTENE CORP Form 5 February 13, 2017

OMB APPROVAL FORM 5 **OMB** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION 3235-0362 Number: Washington, D.C. 20549 Check this box if January 31, Expires: no longer subject 2005 to Section 16. Estimated average ANNUAL STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL Form 4 or Form burden hours per OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES 5 obligations response... 1.0 may continue. See Instruction Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, 1(b). Form 3 Holdings Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section Reported 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 Form 4 Transactions Reported

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** BOWERS CHRISTOPHER D | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CENTENE CORP [CNC] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | | |
|---|----------|----------|--|---|--|--|--|
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Statement for Issuer's Fiscal Year Ended (Month/Day/Year) 12/31/2016 | (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify | | | |
| 7700 FORSYTH BOULEVARD | | | 12/3/1/2010 | below) below) EVP, Markets | | | |
| | (Street) | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Reporting (check applicable line) | | | |
| ST. LOUIS,Â | MOÂ 631 | 05 | | _X_ Form Filed by One Reporting Person Form Filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | | |

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| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securi Acquired Disposed (Instr. 3, | l (A) o l of (D |)) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned at end of Issuer's Fiscal Year (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock | 12/27/2016 | Â | G | 350 | D | \$ 0 | 74,569.7409 (1) | D | Â |

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 |
|-------------|-------------|---------------------|--------------------|-------------|------------|---------------|-------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Derivative | Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transaction | Number | Expiration D | ate | Amount of | Derivative |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | of | (Month/Day/ | Year) | Underlying | Security |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivative | e | | Securities | (Instr. 5) |
| | Derivative | | | | Securities | | | (Instr. 3 and 4 | l) |
| | Security | | | | Acquired | | | | |
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| | | | | | of (D) | | | | |
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| | | | | | 4, and 5) | | | | |
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| | | | | | (A) (D) | Date | * | Title Amoun | nt |
| | | | | | | Exercisable | Date | or | |
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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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