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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Isaak Christopher R			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)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Cheek all applicable)			
			(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner			
7700 FORSYTH BOULEVARD			12/12/2017	X Officer (give title Other (spec below) below) SVP, Corporate Controller, CAO			
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check			
ST. LOUIS, MO 63105			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person			

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	rities Acqu	ired, Disposed of	or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securin(A) or Di (Instr. 3,	spose	d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/12/2017		A	3,260	A	\$ 99.7	15,831 <u>(1)</u>	D	
Common Stock	12/13/2017		F	455 (2)	D	\$ 100.86	15,376 <u>(1)</u>	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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exerc	cisable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
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				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

Officer Other Director 10% Owner

Isaak Christopher R 7700 FORSYTH BOULEVARD ST. LOUIS, MO 63105

SVP, Corporate Controller, CAO

Signatures

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

12/14/2017

Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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).
 - Ownership includes this award of 3,260 restricted stock units. 1,956 units are performance stock units. The number of performance stock units vesting at the end of the three year period is predicated on meeting three-year performance conditions. The remaining 1,304 units
- will vest in three annual installments on the anniversary of the grant date. In addition, ownership includes 10,496 shares of restricted stock units subject to vesting requirements.
- (2) Shares withheld for taxes upon vesting of previously reported stock grant.

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