CENTENE CORP Form 8-K February 04, 2019

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 4, 2019

CENTENE CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware 001-31826 42-1406317 (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

7700 Forsyth Blvd.

63105

St. Louis, Missouri

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (314) 725-4477 (Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- o Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company o

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If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. o

ITEM 5.02 DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR CERTAIN OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN OFFICERS; COMPENSATORY ARRANGEMENTS OF CERTAIN OFFICERS. (e) On February 4, 2019, Centene Corporation (the "Company") entered into an amendment to the executive employment agreement (the "Amendment") with Michael F. Neidorff, its Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (the "Executive"). The Amendment:

provides that Mr. Neidorff will serve as Chief Executive Officer until the 2023 Shareholders' Meeting and will continue serving as Executive Chairman of the Board until the 2024 Shareholders' Meeting; and

provides for payments to Mr. Neidorff in the event of termination on or prior to the 2023 Shareholders' Meeting.

The Amendment is filed as Exhibit 10.1 to this Form 8-K and the description of the Amendment is qualified in its entirety by reference to such exhibit, which is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit

Number Description

10.1 Amendment No. 6 to Executive Employment Agreement between Centene Corporation and Michael

F. Neidorff.

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CENTENE CORPORATION

Date: February 4, 2019 By: /s/ Jeffrey A. Schwaneke Jeffrey A. Schwaneke

Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer