CENTENE CORP Form SC 13G/A February 14, 2003

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

SCHEDULE 13G

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No. 1)*

CENTENE CORPORATION
---(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock, Par Value \$0.001 Per Share
----(Title of Class of Securities)

15135B101 -----(CUSIP Number)

December 31, 2002

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

- [] Rule 13d-1(b) [] Rule 13d-1(c)
- [X] Rule 13d-1(d)

*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter the disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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1	Names of Reporting Persons I.R.S. Identification Nos. of above persons (entities only)			
	STRATEGIC INVESTMENT PARTNERS LIMITED			
2	Check the Appropriate Box If a Member of a Group (See Instructions)			
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	SOROS FUND MANAGEMENT LLC
2	Check the Appropriate Box If a Member of a Group (See Instructions)
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Item 1(a) Name of Issuer:

Centene Corporation (the "Issuer")

Item 1(b) Address of the Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

7711 Carondelet Avenue, Suite 800, St. Louis, Missouri 63105

Item 2(a) Name of Person Filing:

The Statement is filed on behalf of each of the following persons (collectively, the "Reporting Persons"):

- i) Strategic Investment Partners Limited ("SIPL");
- ii) Quasar International Partners C.V. ("Quasar");
- iii) Quantum Industrial Partners LDC ("QIP");
- iv) QIH Management Investor, L.P. ("QIHMI");
- v) QIH Management LLC ("QIH Management");
- vi) Soros Fund Management LLC ("SFM LLC"); and
- vii) Mr. George Soros ("Mr. Soros").

This Statement relates to Shares (as defined herein) formerly held for the account of SIPL.

Item 2(b) Address of Principal Business Office or, if None, Residence:

The address of the principal business office of each of SIPL, Quasar and QIP is Kaya Flamboyan 9, Willemstad, Curacao, Netherlands Antilles. The principal business office of each of QIHMI, QIH Management, SFM LLC and Mr. Soros is 888 Seventh Avenue, 33rd Floor, New York, NY 10106.

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Item 2(c) Citizenship:

- 1) SIPL is a Cayman Islands corporation;
- Quasar is a Netherlands Antilles partnership;
- 3) QIP is a Cayman Islands exempted limited duration company;
- 4) QIHMI is a Delaware limited partnership;
- 5) QIH Management is a Delaware limited liability company;
- 6) SFM LLC is a Delaware limited liability company; and
- 7) Mr. Soros is a United States citizen.

Item	2(d)	Title of Class of Securities:
		Common Stock, par value \$0.001 per share (the "Shares").
Item	2(e)	CUSIP Number:
		15135B101
Item	3.	If this statement is filed pursuant to Rule $13d-1(b)$, or $13d-2(b)$ or (c), check whether the person filing is a:
		This Item 3 is not applicable.
Item	4.	Ownership:
Item	4(a)	Amount Beneficially Owned:
	gement, S ny Shares.	As of December 31, 2002, each of SIPL, Quasar, QIP, QIHMI, QIH FM LLC and Mr. Soros may no longer be deemed the beneficial owner
Item	4 (b)	Percent of Class:
		The number of Shares of which each of SIPL, Quasar, QIP, QIHMI, , SFM LLC and Mr. Soros may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the total number of Shares outstanding.
Item	4 (c)	Number of shares as to which such person has:
	SIPL, Qua	sar, QIP, QIHMI, QIH Management, SFM LLC and Mr. Soros
	(i) Sol	e power to vote or to direct the vote:
		e power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 0
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Item	5.	Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class:
		If this statement is being filed to report the fact that the sons have ceased to be the beneficial owners of more than five class of securities, check the following: [X]
Item	6.	Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person:
		This Item 6 is not applicable.
Item	7.	Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company:

This Item 7 is not applicable.

Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group:

This Item 8 is not applicable.

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group:

This Item 9 is not applicable.

Item 10. Certification:

This Item 10 is not applicable.

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SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: February 14, 2003 STRATEGIC INVESTMENT PARTNERS LIMITED

By: /s/ Richard D. Holahan, Jr.

Richard D. Holahan, Jr.

Attorney-in-Fact

Date: February 14, 2003 QUASAR INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS C.V.

By: /s/ Richard D. Holahan, Jr.

Richard D. Holahan, Jr. Attorney-in-Fact

Date: February 14, 2003 QUANTUM INDUSTRIAL PARTNERS LDC

By: /s/ Richard D. Holahan, Jr.

Richard D. Holahan, Jr. Attorney-in-Fact

Date: February 14, 2003 QIH MANAGEMENT INVESTOR, L.P.

> By: QIH Management LLC, its General Partner

By: Soros Private Funds Management LLC,

its Managing Member

By: George Soros, its Sole Member

By: /s/ Richard D. Holahan, Jr.

Richard D. Holahan, Jr. Attorney-in-Fact

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Date: February 14, 2003 QIH MANAGEMENT LLC

By: Soros Private Funds Management LLC,

its Managing Member

By: George Soros, its Sole Member

By: /s/ Richard D. Holahan, Jr.

Richard D. Holahan, Jr. Attorney-in-Fact

Date: February 14, 2003 SOROS FUND MANAGEMENT LLC

By: /s/ Richard D. Holahan, Jr.

Richard D. Holahan, Jr. Assistant General Counsel

Date: February 14, 2003 GEORGE SOROS

By: /s/ Richard D. Holahan, Jr.

Richard D. Holahan, Jr. Attorney-in-Fact

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F. Power of Attorney, dated as of October 30, 2002, granted by Mr. George Soros in favor of Mr. Armando T. Belly, Ms. Jodye Anzalotta, Mr. John F. Brown, Ms. Maryann Canfield, Mr. Richard D. Holahan, Jr. and Mr. Robert Soros.....

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EXHIBIT F

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENT, that I, GEORGE SOROS, hereby make, constitute and appoint each of Armando T. Belly, Jodye Anzalotta, JOHN F. BROWN, Maryann Canfield, Richard D. Holahan, Jr. and Robert Soros acting individually, as my agent and attorney-in-fact for the purpose of executing in my name, (a) in my personal capacity or (b) in my capacity as Chairman of, member of or in other capacities with Soros Fund Management LLC ("SFM LLC") and each of its affiliates or entities advised by me or SFM LLC, all documents, certificates, instruments, statements, filings and agreements ("documents") to be filed with or delivered to any foreign or domestic governmental or regulatory body or required or requested by any other person or entity pursuant to any legal or regulatory requirement relating to the acquisition, ownership, management or disposition of securities, futures contracts or other investments, and any other documents relating or ancillary thereto, including without limitation all documents relating to filings with the Commodity Futures Trading Commission and National Futures Association, the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933 or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Act") and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder, including all documents relating to the beneficial ownership of securities required to be filed with the SEC pursuant to Section 13(d) or Section 16(a) of the Act and any information statements on Form 13F required to be filed with the SEC pursuant to Section 13(f) of the Act.

All past acts of these attorneys-in-fact in furtherance of the foregoing are hereby ratified and confirmed.

Execution of this power of attorney revokes that certain Power of Attorney dated as of the $15 \, \text{th}$ day of January 2002 with respect to the same matters addressed above.

This power of attorney shall be valid from the date hereof until revoked by me.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have executed this instrument as of the 30th day of October, 2002.