

CENTENE CORP  
Form 4  
February 17, 2016

**FORM 4**

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

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**BRINKLEY CYNTHIA J**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**7700 FORSYTH BOULEVARD**

(Street)

**ST. LOUIS, MO 63105**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
**CENTENE CORP [CNC]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
**02/16/2016**

4. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
☒ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below)

EVP, Global Corp Development

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
☒ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

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. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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				(A) or (D)	111,262 <sup>(1)</sup>	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)

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1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Phantom Stock	\$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup>	02/16/2016		A	1,393.275	02/16/2016 02/16/2016 <sup>(3)</sup>	Common Stock

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
BRINKLEY CYNTHIA J 7700 FORSYTH BOULEVARD ST. LOUIS, MO 63105	Director 10% Owner Officer Other EVP, Global Corp Development

## Signatures

/s/ William N. Scheffel (executed by  
attorney-in-fact)

02/17/2016

\_\_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 previous awards of 96,666 restricted stock units subject to vesting requirements.

(2) Each share of phantom stock represents the right to receive the fair market value of one share of Centene common stock.

(3) The phantom stock has no formal expiration date. The phantom stock will be settled in cash or other non-Company securities upon Ms. Brinkley's termination with the Company or on such other date Ms. Brinkley may elect.

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