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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

obligations may continue. See Instruction

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1(b).

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** Schwaneke Jeffrey A.	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer				
(Last) (First) (Middle)	CENTENE CORP [CNC] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)				
7700 FORSYTH BOULEVARD	(Month/Day/Year) 01/11/2017	Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (special below) EVP, CFO				
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_Form filed by One Reporting Person				
ST. LOUIS, MO 63105		Form filed by More than One Reporting Person				

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - No	n-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acqu	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transa Code (Instr.		4. Securi on(A) or Do (Instr. 3,	ispose	d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	01/11/2017		G	V	300	D	\$0	113,085 (1)	D	
Common Stock	02/27/2017		G	V	150	D	\$ 0	112,935 (1)	D	
Common Stock	03/13/2017		S		2,000 (2)	D	\$ 68.52	110,935 <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. Titl	le and	8. Price of	9. Nu
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					(A) or						Repo
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					4, and 5)						
									Amount		
						Date	Expiration	Title	or Number		
						Exercisable	Date	Title	of		
				Codo V	(A) (D)				Shares		
				Code v	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Schwaneke Jeffrey A.

7700 FORSYTH BOULEVARD EVP, CFO

ST. LOUIS, MO 63105

Signatures

/s/ Keith H. Williamson (executed by attorney-in-fact)

03/14/2017

**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 78,334 shares of restricted stock units subject to vesting requirements.
- (2) This sale is pursuant to a 10b5-1 Trading Plan that was established on February 9, 2017.

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