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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>ROBERTS JOHN R</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>7700 FORSYTH BOULEVARD</u> (Street) <u>ST. LOUIS MO 63105</u> (City) (State) (Zip) | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CENTENE CORP [CNC]</u> | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) |
| | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>05/01/2018</u> | |
| 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | | |

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) |
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| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 05/01/2018 | | G | V | 3,000 | D | \$0 | 109,471.065 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/01/2018 | | G | V | 3,000 | A | \$0 | 15,260 | I | See footnote ⁽²⁾ |
| Common Stock | 05/10/2018 | | G | V | 5,287 | D | \$0 | 104,184.065 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | 05/10/2018 | | G | V | 5,287 | A | \$0 | 20,547 | I | See footnote ⁽²⁾ |
| Common Stock | 09/30/2018 | | A | | 225.061 | A | \$138.85 | 104,409.126 ⁽¹⁾ | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 67,494 | I | See footnote ⁽³⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 6,049 | I | See footnote ⁽⁴⁾ |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 3,219 | I | See footnote ⁽⁵⁾ |

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 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 of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | | Code | V | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

- Ownership includes 1,925 shares of restricted stock subject to vesting requirements.
- Owned by a revocable trust for the benefit of Mr. Roberts' spouse.
- Owned by a grantor retained annuity trust of which Mr. Roberts is the trustee.
- Owned by a revocable trust held in the name of Mr. Roberts' spouse of which he serves as co-trustee and beneficiary.
- Owned by a family trust of which Mr. Roberts serves as co-trustee.

Remarks:

/s/ Jeffrey A. Schwaneke 10/02/2018
 (executed by attorney-in-fact)

** Signature of Reporting Person Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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