

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

<b>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*</b> <u>ROBERTS JOHN R</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>7700 FORSYTH BOULEVARD</u>  (Street) <u>ST. LOUIS MO 63105</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	<b>2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</b> <u>CENTENE CORP [ CNC ]</u>	<b>5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer</b> (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
	<b>3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)</b> <u>11/17/2017</u>	
<b>4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)</b>		

**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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	11/17/2017		G	V	2,620	D	\$0	990	I	See footnote <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	12/12/2017		G	V	5,625	D	\$0	67,494	I	See footnote <sup>(2)</sup>
Common Stock	12/12/2017		G	V	5,625	A	\$0	6,615	I	See footnote <sup>(1)</sup>
Common Stock	12/31/2017		A		322,564	A	\$96.88	104,688.4 <sup>(3)</sup>	D	
Common Stock								12,260	I	See footnote <sup>(4)</sup>
Common Stock								2,653	I	See footnote <sup>(5)</sup>

**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)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date					
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$8.45							12/10/2013	12/10/2018	Common Stock	10,000	10,000	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- 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 grantor retained annuity trust of which Mr. Roberts is the trustee.
- Ownership includes 3,000 shares of restricted stock subject to vesting requirements.
- Owned by a revocable trust for the benefit of Mr. Roberts' spouse.
- Owned by a family trust of which Mr. Roberts serves as co-trustee.

**Remarks:**

/s/ Jeffrey A. Schwaneke  
(executed by attorney-in-fact) 01/03/2018

\*\* 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).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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