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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

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* ROBERTS JOHN R (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]	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) 05/07/2018	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 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)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	05/07/2018		M		10,000	A	\$8.45	116,913.103 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock	05/07/2018		F		4,713 ⁽²⁾	D	\$116.65	112,200.103 ⁽¹⁾	D	
Common Stock								67,494	I	See footnote ⁽³⁾
Common Stock								12,260	I	See footnote ⁽⁴⁾
Common Stock								6,049	I	See footnote ⁽⁵⁾
Common Stock								3,219	I	See footnote ⁽⁶⁾

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						Title
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$8.45	05/07/2018		M			10,000	12/10/2013	12/10/2018	Common Stock	10,000	\$8.45	0	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- Ownership includes 1,925 shares of restricted stock subject to vesting requirements.
- Shares withheld in connection with a cashless exercise to cover exercise price and tax liability of previously reported stock grant.
- Owned by a grantor retained annuity trust of which Mr. Roberts is the trustee.
- Owned by a revocable trust for the benefit of Mr. Roberts' spouse.
- 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/ Keith H. Williamson
 (executed by attorney-in-fact) 05/08/2018

** 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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