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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>05/07/2018</u>	
	<b>4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)</b>	<b>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)</b> <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 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	05/07/2018		F		4,713 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	\$116.65	112,200.103 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock								67,494	I	See footnote <sup>(3)</sup>
Common Stock								12,260	I	See footnote <sup>(4)</sup>
Common Stock								6,049	I	See footnote <sup>(5)</sup>
Common Stock								3,219	I	See footnote <sup>(6)</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						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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