

INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* LAYTON BRENT D			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 02/08/2021		3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CENTENE CORP [CNC]		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director _____ 10% Owner _____ <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below) _____ EVP, Chief BD Officer			5. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	
7700 FORSYTH BLVD							
(Street) SAINT LOUIS MO 63105						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	
(City) (State) (Zip)							

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	428,546⁽¹⁾	D	

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

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date				

Explanation of Responses:

1. Ownership includes previous awards of 107,002 restricted stock units subject to the following vesting requirements: 6,668 units vest on December 11, 2021; 13,334 units vest in two equal installments on the anniversary of the grant date beginning December 10, 2021; 20,000 units vest in three installments on the anniversary of the grant date beginning March 24, 2021; 42,000 units vest in three installments on the anniversary of the grant date beginning December 15, 2021; 25,000 units vest in three installments on the anniversary of the grant date beginning December 22, 2021. An additional 123,000 shares are previously awarded performance units which are subject to meeting three-year performance conditions. 30,000 were granted on December 11, 2018; 30,000 were granted on December 10, 2019, and 63,000 were granted on December 15, 2020. The number of performance stock units vesting at the end of each three-year performance period is predicated on meeting three-year performance conditions.

Remarks:

/s/ Jeffrey A Schwaneke (executed by attorney-in-fact) 02/12/2021
** 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 5 (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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Exhibit 24.1
LIMITED POWER OF ATTORNEY
FOR SECTION 16 REPORTING OBLIGATIONS

Know all by these presents, that the undersigned hereby makes, constitutes and appoints each of Michael F. Neidorff, Jeffrey A. Schwaneke and (1) prepare, execute in the undersigned's name and on the undersigned's behalf, and submit to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (2) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer and/or director of Centene Corporation (the "(3) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned that may be necessary or desirable to prepare, complete and execute (4) seek or obtain, as the undersigned's representative and on the undersigned's behalf, information regarding transactions in the Company' (5) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing that, in the opinion of such attorney in fact, may be of) The undersigned hereby grants to each such attorney in fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever : This Power of Attorney also serves to revoke and replace as of the date hereof, any prior Power of Attorney executed by the undersigned with re IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of January 8, 2021.

/s/ Brent D. Layton
Executive Vice President, Markets, Products, International, and Chief of Business Development Officer