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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): February 5, 2018

**CENTENE CORPORATION**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware	001-31826	42-1406317
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

7700 Forsyth Blvd.

St. Louis, Missouri

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

63105

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (314) 725-4477

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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**ITEM 5.02 DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR CERTAIN OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF CERTAIN OFFICERS; COMPENSATORY ARRANGEMENTS OF CERTAIN OFFICERS**

(d) On February 5, 2018, as approved by resolutions of Centene's board of directors, Jessica L. Blume was elected to serve on our board of directors as a Class II director. Ms. Blume was appointed to both the Audit Committee and the Technology Committee. She will stand for re-election at our April 2018 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Ms. Blume will participate in the Company's standard director compensation program as described in the Company's 2017 Proxy Statement filed with the SEC on form DEF 14A on March 10, 2017.

Ms. Blume was a partner with Deloitte for 20 years, and retired from her role as Vice Chairman in 2015. While at Deloitte, she served as a member of the Deloitte LLP Board of Directors and served as the Chair of the Executive Compensation and Evaluation Committee and a member of the Finance, Governance, Strategic Investment and Risk Committees. She currently serves on the Board of Directors of Publix Super Markets, Inc.

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**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**CENTENE CORPORATION**

Date: February 5, 2018

By: /s/ Jeffrey A. Schwaneke

Jeffrey A. Schwaneke

Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer