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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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* <u>BLUME JESSICA L.</u> <hr/> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>7700 FORSYTH BLVD</u> <hr/> (Street) <u>SAINT LOUIS MO 63105</u> <hr/> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) <u>02/05/2018</u>	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>CENTENE CORP [CNC]</u>	
		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director Officer (give title below) 10% Owner Other (specify below)	5. 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 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)
None	0	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	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			

Explanation of Responses:

Remarks:

/s/ Jeffrey A. Schwaneke 02/12/2018
(executed by attorney-in-fact)

** 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 Keith H. Williamson signing singly and each acting individually, as the undersigned (1) prepare, execute in the undersigned's name and on the undersigned's behalf, and submit to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") a Form ID, including amendments thereto, and any other documents necessary (2) execute for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer and/or director of Centene Corporation (the "Company"), Forms 3, 4 and 5 (including any amendments thereto) in accordance with Sect (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 any such Form 3, 4 or 5, prepare, complete and execute any amendment or amendments t (4) seek or obtain, as the undersigned's representative and on the undersigned's behalf, information regarding transactions in the Company's securities from any third party, including brokers, employee benefit plan administra (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 benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being 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 requisite, necessary, or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and 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 respect to the filing with the SEC of reports with respect to the undersigned's hold IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has caused this Power of Attorney to be executed as of February 9, 2018.

/s/ Jessica L. Blume
Jessica L. Blume