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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section

may continue. See Instruction

1(b).

obligations

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading NEIDORFF MICHAEL F Issuer Symbol CENTENE CORP [CNC] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) _X__ Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title 7700 FORYSTH BOULEVARD 11/03/2016 below) Chairman, President and CEO (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line)

ST. LOUIS, MO 63105

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tal	ble I - N	Non-	-Derivative	Secur	ities Acqu	iired, 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. 4. Securities Acquired (A) Transactionor Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	Ownership of Inc Form: Bene Direct (D) Owner	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)		
			Code	V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)	(I) (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	11/03/2016		G	V	3,000	D	\$ 0	3,939,568.1753 (1)	D	
Common Stock	12/09/2016		M		127,068	A	\$ 12.6	4,066,636.1753 (1)	D	
Common Stock	12/09/2016		F		75,565 (2)	D	\$ 56.94	3,991,071.1753 (1)	D	
Common Stock	12/10/2016		F		44,755 (3)	D	\$ 56.8	3,946,316.1753 (1)	D	
Common Stock	12/11/2016		F		47,950 (3)	D	\$ 56.8	3,898,366.1753 (1)	D	
								3,600	I	

Common By Stock Spouse

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amoun Underlying Securiti (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou Numb Share
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 12.6	12/09/2016		M	127,068	12/12/2009	12/12/2016	Common Stock	12
Phantom Stock	\$ 0 (4)					02/11/2011	02/11/2011(5)	Common Stock	101.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other

Relationships

NEIDORFF MICHAEL F 7700 FORYSTH BOULEVARD

X Chairman, President and CEO

ST. LOUIS, MO 63105

Signatures

/s/ Jeffrey A. Schwaneke (executed by 12/13/2016 attorney-in-fact)

> **Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- 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).
- (1) Ownership includes previous awards of 363,332 restricted stock units subject to vesting requirements.

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- (2) Shares withheld for payment of exercise price and tax liability of previously reported stock grant.
- (3) Shares withheld for taxes upon vesting of previously reported stock grant.
- (4) Each share of phantom stock represents the right to receive the fair market value of one share of Centene common stock.
- (5) The phantom stock has no formal expiration date. The phantom stock will be settled in cash or other non-Company securities upon Mr. Neidorff's termination with the Company or on such other date Mr. Neidorff may elect.

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