**CENTENE CORP** Form 4

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# FORM 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * DITMORE ROBERT K |          |          | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CENTENE CORP [CNC] | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  |  |  |  |
|--|----------|----------|--|---|--|--|--|
| (Last)   | (First)  | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction                                | (Check all applicable)  |  |  |  |
| 7700 FORSYTH BOULEVARD                                     |          |          | (Month/Day/Year)<br>02/09/2017                                 | X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)                             |  |  |  |
|  | (Street) |          | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)           | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person |  |  |  |
| ST. LOUIS, MO 63105  |          |          |  | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person  |  |  |  |

| (City)                               | (State)                                 | (Zip) Tabl  | e I - Non-l                            | Derivative                            | Secui  | rities Acq  | uired, Disposed of   | f, or Beneficial   | ly Owned  |
|--------------------------------------|---|---|--|---------------------------------------|--------|-------------|--|--|---|
| 1.Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3.<br>Transactic<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securi<br>or(A) or D<br>(Instr. 3, | ispose | d of (D)    | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
| Common<br>Stock                      | 02/09/2017                              |   | S                                      | 4,167<br>(1)                          | D      | \$<br>68.73 | 503,205.891<br>(2)   | D  |   |
| Common<br>Stock                      |   |   |  |                                       |        |             | 30,650   | I  | By spouse (3)   |
| Common<br>Stock                      |   |   |  |                                       |        |             | 11,200   | I  | See footnote (4)  |
| Common<br>Stock                      |   |   |  |                                       |        |             | 118,400  | I  | See footnote (5)  |

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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transactic<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | of      |                     |                    | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Underlying<br>Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | unt of<br>rlying<br>rities             | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Nu<br>Deriv<br>Secur<br>Bene<br>Owne<br>Follo<br>Repo<br>Trans<br>(Instr |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|--|---------|---------------------|--------------------|---|--|---|---|
|   |   |                                      | Code V                                 | (A) (D) | Date<br>Exercisable | Expiration<br>Date | Title   | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |   |   |

## **Reporting Owners**

Relationships Reporting Owner Name / Address

> Director 10% Owner Officer Other

DITMORE ROBERT K 7700 FORSYTH BOULEVARD X ST. LOUIS, MO 63105

## **Signatures**

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

02/13/2017

\*\*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).
- This sale is pursuant to a 10b5-1 Trading Plan that was established on November 29, 2016. The weighted average price for this transaction is reported within the form. Full information regarding the number of shares at each price is available upon request.
- (2) Ownership includes 3,350 shares of restricted stock subject to vesting requirements.
- Shares owned by spouse who shares Mr. Ditmore's household. Mr. Ditmore disclaims beneficial ownership of the shares held by his (3) spouse, and the inclusion of these shares in this report shall not be deemed an admission of beneficial ownership of all of the reported shares for purposes of Section 16 or for any other purpose.
- (4) Owned by the Ditmore 2002 Charitable Remainder Trust, of which Mr. Ditmore is a co-trustee.
- (5) Owned by the Ditmore Family Management Company LLC, of which Mr. Ditmore is a chief manager. Mr. Ditmore disclaims beneficial ownership except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein, and the inclusion of these shares in this report shall not be deemed an

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