

NEIDORFF MICHAEL F

Form 4

July 01, 2008

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
NEIDORFF MICHAEL F

(Last) (First) (Middle)

7711 CARONDELET AVENUE

(Street)

ST. LOUIS, MO 63105

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading
Symbol
CENTENE CORP [CNC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
06/27/2008

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner
☒ Officer (give title below) ☐ Other (specify
below)

Chairman, President and CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
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Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock				(A) or (D)	1,395,636 ⁽¹⁾	D	

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)**

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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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number Share
Phantom Stock	\$ 0 ⁽²⁾	06/27/2008		A		132.398 ⁽³⁾		06/27/2008	06/27/2008 ⁽⁴⁾	Common Stock	132.
Phantom Stock	\$ 0 ⁽²⁾	06/30/2008		A		464.726 ⁽⁵⁾		06/30/2008	06/30/2008 ⁽⁴⁾	Common Stock	464.
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.57							07/24/2007	07/24/2012	Common Stock	10,3
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.58							08/26/2008	08/26/2013	Common Stock	254.
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.98							12/16/2006	12/16/2013	Common Stock	200.
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 17.85							07/27/2007	07/27/2014	Common Stock	180.
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 25.4							12/13/2008	12/13/2015	Common Stock	200.
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 25.21							12/12/2009	12/12/2016	Common Stock	100.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
NEIDORFF MICHAEL F 7711 CARONDELET AVENUE ST. LOUIS, MO 63105	X		Chairman, President and CEO	

Signatures

/s/ Keith H. Williamson (executed by
attorney-in-fact)

07/01/2008

____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) Mr. Neidorff's ownership includes awards of 1,100,000 restricted stock units subject to vesting requirements.
- (2) Each share of phantom stock represents the right to receive the fair market value of one share of Centene common stock.
- (3) The phantom stock was acquired by Mr. Neidorff through regular scheduled payroll contributions to the Company's deferred compensation plan.
- (4) 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.
- (5) The phantom stock was acquired by Mr. Neidorff through a Company match within the Company's deferred compensation plan.

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