

ROBERTS JOHN R
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
ROBERTS JOHN R

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
7700 FORSYTH BOULEVARD

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
11/29/2012

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

ST. LOUIS, MO 63105

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(City) (State) (Zip)

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)	Price		
			Code	V	Amount		
Common Stock	11/29/2012		G	V	2,000	D	\$ 43.57
							28,224
							(1)
							D
Common Stock	11/30/2012		M		10,000	A	\$ 16.65
							38,224
							(2)
							I
Common Stock	11/30/2012		F/K		5,728	D	\$ 43.73
					(3)		32,496
							(2)
							I

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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. 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 of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares	
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.65	11/30/2012		M	10,000	04/26/2005 05/04/2014		Common Stock	10,000
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.91					12/10/2013 12/10/2018		Common Stock	5,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ROBERTS JOHN R 7700 FORSYTH BOULEVARD ST. LOUIS, MO 63105		X		

Signatures

/s/ William N. Scheffel (executed by attorney-in-fact) 12/04/2012

__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).

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- (1) Mr. Roberts' ownership includes 4,000 shares of restricted stock subject to vesting requirements.
- (2) Owned by a revocable trust for the benefit of Mr. Roberts' spouse.
- (3) Shares withheld for payment of exercise price and tax liability of previously reported stock grant.

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