ROBERTS JOHN R

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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		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check all applicable)		
7700 FORSYTH BOULEVARD			(Month/Day/Year) 11/29/2012	_X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
ST. LOUIS, MO 63105			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(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)	Transaction Date 2A. Deemed Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. 4. Securit Transaction(A) or Di Code (Instr. 3, (Instr. 8)		of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	(111011111)	
Common Stock							47,412.429 (1)	D		
Common Stock	11/29/2012		G V	2,000	D	\$ 43.57	28,224	I	See footnote (2)	
Common Stock	11/30/2012		M	10,000	A	\$ 16.65	38,224	I	See footnote (2)	
Common Stock	11/30/2012		F/K	5,728 (3)	D	\$ 43.73	32,496	I	See footnote (2)	

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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)	Secur Acqu or Dis	rities (Month/Day/Year) iried (A) isposed of r. 3, 4,		e	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				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						
1 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
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ROBERTS JOHN R 7700 FORSYTH BOULEVARD X ST. LOUIS, MO 63105

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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