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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 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 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *

ROBERTS JOHN R		Symbol CENTENE CORP [CNC]					Issuer (Check all applicable)			
(Last) 7700 FORS	(First) (YTH BOULEVA	Middle)		f Earliest T Day/Year) 013	ransaction			_X_ Director Officer (give t	10%	Owner er (specify
ST. LOUIS,	(Street)			endment, D nth/Day/Yea	ate Original			6. Individual or Joi Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by O Form filed by M Person	ne Reporting Pe	rson
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	le I - Non-l	Derivative S	ecurit	ies Acqu	ired, Disposed of,	or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		Date, if	3. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securitie oror Disposed (Instr. 3, 4	d of (E))	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	09/30/2013			A	483.522	A	\$ 64.63	49,995.38 <u>(1)</u>	D	
Common Stock								36,496	I	See footnote

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. onNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)			, ,		8. Pr Deriv Secu (Inst
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	
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 X ST. LOUIS, MO 63105

Signatures

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

10/02/2013

**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 4,000 shares of restricted stock subject to vesting requirements.
- (2) Owned by a revocable trust held in the name of Mr. Roberts' spouse of which he serves as co-trustee and beneficiary.

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