NEIDORFF MICHAEL F

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

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

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

CENTENE CORP [CNC]

(Check all applicable)

(First) (Middle) (Last)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

_X__ Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

7711 CARONDELET AVENUE

(Street)

(Month/Day/Year) 10/05/2007

below) below) Chairman, President and CEO

4. If Amendment, Date Original

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

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

ST. LOUIS, MO 63105

(City) (State) (Zip) 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)

(Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Beneficial Indirect (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported Transaction(s)

(A) or Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3 and 4)

Common Stock

1,305,837 (1)

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number or Derivative Securities Acquired (Disposed of (Instr. 3, 4, 5)	A) or of (D)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amoun Underlying Securiti (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amou Numb Share
Phantom Stock	\$ 0 (2)	10/05/2007		A	105.567 (3)		10/05/2007	10/05/2007(4)	Common Stock	105.
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.57						07/24/2007	07/24/2012	Common Stock	50,
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		

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NEIDORFF MICHAEL F
7711 CARONDELET AVENUE X Chairman, President and CEO ST. LOUIS, MO 63105

Signatures

/s/ J. Per Brodin (executed by attorney-in-fact)

10/05/2007

**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) Includes 1,000,000 Restricted Stock Units, 600,000 of which vest in full on November 8, 2009 and 80,000 each on November 8, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013 and 2014.
- (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.

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