

CENTENE CORP
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BRADT SAMUEL E

(Last) (First) (Middle)

7711 CARONDELET AVENUE, SUITE 800

(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)
02/25/2005

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)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	02/25/2005		M		30,000 A \$ 0.34	43,960	D
Common Stock	02/25/2005		M		30,000 A \$ 0.45	73,960	D
Common Stock	02/25/2005		M		22,500 A \$ 7.57	96,460	D
Common Stock	02/25/2005		M		10,000 A \$ 16.65	106,460	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)

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)	\$ 0.34	02/25/2005		M	30,000	01/01/2005	01/01/2010	Common Stock	30,000
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 0.45	02/25/2005		M	30,000	04/26/2005 ⁽¹⁾	10/20/2010	Common Stock	30,000
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.57	02/25/2005		M	22,500	05/04/2004	07/24/2012	Common Stock	22,500
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.65	02/25/2005		M	10,000	04/26/2005 ⁽²⁾	05/04/2014	Common Stock	10,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BRADT SAMUEL E 7711 CARONDELET AVENUE SUITE 800	X			

ST. LOUIS, MO 63105

Signatures

/s/ Samuel E.

03/01/2005

Bradt

__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) 6,000 of the shares will vest on April 26, 2005. These 6,000 shares are subject to a restriction on transferability and a company repurchase right until April 26, 2005.
- (2) These shares will vest on April 26, 2005 and are subject to a restriction on transferability and a company repurchase right until April 26, 2005.

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