

GLANCY MARIE J
Form 4
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FORM 4

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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 *
GLANCY MARIE J

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)
7711 CARONDELET AVENUE, SUITE 800
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
12/12/2006

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

Sr. VP Government Relations

ST. LOUIS, MO 63105

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
			Code	V	Amount		
Common Stock	12/12/2006		A		\$ 5,000	A	
					25.21		
					12,362 (2)	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)

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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. 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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Share
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 25.21	12/12/2006		A	3,000	12/12/2011 ⁽¹⁾	12/12/2016	Common Stock	3,000
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.53					07/07/2008	07/07/2013	Common Stock	34,500
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.65					05/04/2009	05/04/2014	Common Stock	9,000
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 26.07					12/08/2009	12/08/2014	Common Stock	25,000
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 25.4					12/13/2010	12/13/2015	Common Stock	5,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
GLANCY MARIE J 7711 CARONDELET AVENUE SUITE 800 ST. LOUIS, MO 63105	Director 10% Owner Officer Sr. VP Government Relations

Signatures

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

12/14/2006

__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) The options vest in five equal installments on the anniversary of the grant date beginning on December 12, 2007.

Ms. Glancy's ownership includes this award of 5,000 restricted stock units which vest in five equal annual installments on the anniversary
(2) of the grant date beginning on December 12, 2007, as well as a previous award of 3,200 restricted stock units subject to vesting requirements.

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