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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading HARROLD JASON M Issuer Symbol CENTENE CORP [CNC] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner _X__ Officer (give title _ Other (specify 7700 FORSYTH BOULEVARD 05/17/2013 below) EVP, Specialty Comp. Bus. Unit (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting ST. LOUIS, MO 63105 Person

(City)	(State) (Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)			d of (D)	Owned Indirect (I) Ownersh		
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common Stock	05/17/2013		M	7,500	A	\$ 25.21	61,458 <u>(1)</u>	D	
Common Stock	05/17/2013		F/K	3,626 (2)	D	\$ 52.15	57,832 (1)	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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number on f 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 Number Shares
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 25.21	05/17/2013		М	7,500	12/12/2011	12/12/2016	Common Stock	7,500
Phantom Stock	\$ 0 (3)					02/12/2010	02/12/2010(4)	Phantom Stock	306.60
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 24.79					12/12/2012	12/12/2017	Common Stock	5,000
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 18.44					07/27/2014	07/27/2019	Common Stock	5,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
reporting owner runte / runtess	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
HARROLD JASON M 7700 FORSYTH BOULEVARD ST. LOUIS, MO 63105			EVP, Specialty Comp. Bus. Unit				
Signatures							
/s/ William N. Scheffel (executed attorney-in-fact)	by		05/21/2013				
**Signature of Reporting Person	on		Date				

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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 previous awards of 37,050 restricted stock units subject to vesting requirements.
- (2) Shares withheld for payment of exercise price of previously reported stock grant.
- (3) Each share of phantom stock represents the right to receive the fair market value of one share of Centene common stock.
- (4) The phantom stock has no formal expiration date. The phantom stock will be settled in cash or other non-Company securities upon Mr. Harrold's termination with the Company or on such other date Mr. Harrold may elect.

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