

CENTENE CORP  
Form 4  
November 16, 2009

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**HARROLD JASON M**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

7711 CARONDELET AVE.

(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)  
11/13/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_X\_\_ Officer (give title \_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) below)

SVP, Specialty Business Unit

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_X\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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Person

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

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities<br>Acquired (A) or<br>Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or<br>Indirect (I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Common<br>Stock                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V Amount (D) Price                                                         | 14,909 <sup>(1)</sup>                                                                                              | 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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number<br>of Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired<br>(A) or<br>Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |     | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                           |                  |                                        |
|-----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------------|----------------------------------------|
|                                                     |                                                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                    | V                                                                                                               | (A)                                                            | (D) | Date<br>Exercisable                                                 | Expiration Date           | Title            | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares |
| Phantom<br>Stock                                    | \$ 0 <sup>(2)</sup>                                                   | 11/13/2009                              |                                                             | A                                       |                                                                                                                 | 2.048<br><sup>(3)</sup>                                        |     | 11/13/2009                                                          | 11/13/2009 <sup>(4)</sup> | Phantom<br>Stock | 2.048                                  |
| Common<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy)      | \$ 25.21                                                              |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                                                                 |                                                                |     | 12/12/2011                                                          | 12/12/2016                | Common<br>Stock  | 7,500                                  |
| Common<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy)      | \$ 24.79                                                              |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                                                                 |                                                                |     | 12/12/2012                                                          | 12/12/2017                | Common<br>Stock  | 5,000                                  |
| Common<br>Stock<br>Option<br>(right to<br>buy)      | \$ 18.44                                                              |                                         |                                                             |                                         |                                                                                                                 |                                                                |     | 07/27/2014                                                          | 07/27/2019                | Common<br>Stock  | 5,000                                  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                 | Relationships                             |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|
|                                                                | Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other |
| HARROLD JASON M<br>7711 CARONDELET AVE.<br>ST. LOUIS, MO 63105 | SVP, Specialty Business Unit              |

## Signatures

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

11/16/2009

\_\_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) Mr. Harrold's ownership includes previous awards of 14,250 restricted stock units subject to vesting requirements.
- (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. Harrold 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. Harrold's termination with the Company or on such other date Mr. Harrold may elect.

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