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UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d)

of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): January 26, 2016

CENTENE CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction **001-31826** (Commission

42-1406317 (IRS Employer

of Incorporation)

File Number) 7700 Forsyth Boulevard

Identification No.)

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St. Louis, Missouri 63105

(Address of Principal Executive Office and zip code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (314) 725-4477

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 8.01. Other Events.

On January 26, 2016, Centene Corporation (the Company) announced the offering of \$2.27 billion aggregate principal amount of senior notes (the Notes) to be to be issued by Centene Escrow Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company. A copy of the press release making this announcement is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1, and incorporated by reference herein. The Notes have not been registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and may not be offered or sold in the United States without registration or an applicable exemption from the registration requirements.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits. (d) Exhibits.

See Exhibit Index.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CENTENE CORPORATION

Date: January 26, 2016

By: /s/ William N. Scheffel

William N. Scheffel

Executive Vice President & Chief Financial

Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit

Number Description

99.1 Press release of Centene Corporation issued January 26, 2016.