

SCHEFFEL WILLIAM N

Form 4

May 16, 2011

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

Check this box
if no longer
subject to
Section 16.
Form 4 or
Form 5
obligations
may continue.
See Instruction
1(b).

**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

OMB APPROVAL

OMB
Number: 3235-0287
Expires: January 31,
2005
Estimated average
burden hours per
response... 0.5

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
SCHEFFEL WILLIAM N

(Last) (First) (Middle)

7700 FORSYTH BOULEVARD

(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)
05/12/2011

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 below) ____ Other (specify below)

Exec VP, CFO & Treasurer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	05/12/2011		M	49,997 (A) or (D)	\$ 26.07	208,114 ⁽¹⁾	D
Common Stock	05/12/2011		F	41,372 ⁽²⁾	\$ 37.23	166,742 ⁽¹⁾	D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

**Persons who respond to the collection of
information contained in this form are not
required to respond unless the form
displays a currently valid OMB control
number.**

SEC 1474
(9-02)

Edgar Filing: SCHEFFEL WILLIAM N - Form 4

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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 26.07	05/12/2011		M	49,997	12/08/2009 12/08/2014	Common Stock 49,997
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 32.06					07/26/2010 07/26/2015	Common Stock 25,000
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 25.4					12/13/2010 12/13/2015	Comon Stock 10,000
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 25.21					12/12/2011 12/12/2016	Common Stock 10,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
SCHEFFEL WILLIAM N 7700 FORSYTH BOULEVARD ST. LOUIS, MO 63105	Exec VP, CFO & Treasurer

Signatures

/s/ William N. Scheffel 05/16/2011

__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. Scheffel's ownership includes previous awards of 56,334 restricted stock units subject to vesting requirements.

(2) Shares withheld for payment of exercise price and tax liability of previously reported stock grant.

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure.

Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.