CENTENE CORP

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1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading NEIDORFF MICHAEL F Issuer Symbol CENTENE CORP [CNC] (Check all applicable) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) _X__ Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title 7700 FORYSTH BOULEVARD 06/03/2011 below) Chairman, President and CEO (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

ST. LOUIS, MO 63105

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-I	Derivative (Securi	ties Acqu	iired, Disposed of	, or Beneficiall	y Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit or(A) or Dis (Instr. 3,	sposed 4 and 5 (A) or	of (D)	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	06/03/2011		Code V M	Amount 3,966	(D)	Price \$ 25.21	1,642,613 (1)	D	
Common Stock	06/03/2011		M	25,204	A	\$ 13.58	1,667,817 (1)	D	
Common Stock	06/03/2011		F	19,170 (2)	D	\$ 34.94	1,648,647 (1)	D	

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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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	orDeri Secu Acqu or D (D)	urities uired (A) isposed of r. 3, 4,	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	Amour Numbe Shares
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.58	06/03/2011		M		25,204	08/26/2006	08/26/2013	Common Stock	25,
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 25.21	06/03/2011		M		3,966	12/12/2009	12/12/2016	Common Stock	3,9
Phantom Stock	\$ 0 (3)						02/11/2011	02/11/2011(4)	Common Stock	50,56
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.98						12/16/2006	12/16/2013	Common Stock	200
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 17.85						07/27/2007	07/27/2014	Common Stock	180
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 25.4						12/13/2008	12/13/2015	Common Stock	200

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address			Relationships	
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other

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NEIDORFF MICHAEL F
7700 FORYSTH BOULEVARD X Chairman, President and CEO
ST. LOUIS, MO 63105

Signatures

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

06/07/2011

**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) Ownership includes previous awards of 603,334 restricted stock units subject to vesting requirements.
- (2) Shares withheld to cover the cost of the stock option exercises and tax obligations.
- (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. Neidorff's termination with the Company or on such other date Mr. Neidorff may elect.

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