

ROBERTS JOHN R
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
ROBERTS JOHN R

(Last) (First) (Middle)
7711 CARONDELET AVENUE
(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)
05/11/2009

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

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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	05/11/2009		G ⁽¹⁾	V 7,168 D	\$ 32,352.175 19.82 ⁽³⁾	D	
Common Stock	05/11/2009		G ⁽¹⁾	V 7,168 A	\$ 19.82 20,541	I	See footnote ⁽⁴⁾
Common Stock	06/30/2009		A	1,534.872 ⁽²⁾ A	\$ 33,887.047 20.36 ⁽³⁾	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. 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)	8. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.91					12/10/2013 12/10/2018	Common Stock	5,000
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.65					04/26/2005 05/04/2014	Common Stock	10,000

Reporting Owners

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

ROBERTS JOHN R
7711 CARONDELET AVENUE X
ST. LOUIS, MO 63105

Signatures

/s/ William N. Scheffel (executed by attorney-in-fact) 07/02/2009

__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) On May 11, 2009, Mr. Roberts transferred 7,168 shares to his revocable trust.
- (2)

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Shares represent restricted stock units reserved in lieu of cash payment of fees under the Company's Non-employee Directors Stock Compensation Plan.

- (3) Mr. Roberts' ownership includes 5,073 shares of restricted stock which are subject to vesting requirements.
- (4) Owned by a revocable trust for the benefit of Mr. Roberts' spouse.

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