MINIFIE C DAVID Form 4 March 01, 2013

### FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * MINIFIE C DAVID			2. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		
			CENTENE CORP [CNC]	(Check all applicable)		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	` <b>II</b>		
7700 FORSYTH BOULEVARD			(Month/Day/Year) 03/01/2013	Director 10% Owner X Officer (give title Other (specification) below)  EVP, Chief Marketing Officer		
(Street) ST. LOUIS, MO 63105			4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)			
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities A	Acquired. Disposed of, or Reneficially Owne		

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1.Title of	2. Transaction Date	2A. Deemed	3.	4. Securities	5. Amount of	6. Ownership	7. Nature of
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	onAcquired (A) or	Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect
(Instr. 3)		any	Code	Disposed of (D)	Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	(Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership
					Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
				( )	Reported		
				(A)	Transaction(s)		
			Code V	or	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
~			Code V	Amount (D) Price			
Common					10,500 (1)	D	
Stock					10,500 <u>~</u>	D	

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

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

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number	6. Date Exerci	sable and	7. Title and	Amount of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transacti	Expiration Date		<b>Underlying Securities</b>		
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Derivative	(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)	
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Securities				
	Derivative				Acquired				
	Security				(A) or				
					Disposed				
					of (D)				
					(Instr. 3, 4,				
					and 5)				
									Amount
						Date	Eiti D-t-	T:41-	or Namel
						Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Number of
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares
Phantom Stock	\$ 0 (2)	03/01/2013		A	2.99 (3)	03/01/2013	03/01/2013(4)	Common Stock	2.99

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

MINIFIE C DAVID

7700 FORSYTH BOULEVARD EVP, Chief Marketing Officer

ST. LOUIS, MO 63105

#### **Signatures**

/s/ William N. Scheffel (executed by attorney-in-fact) 03/01/2013

\*\*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 10,500 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. Minifie 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. Minifie's termination with the Company or on such other date Mr. Minifie may elect.

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