BRINKLEY CYNTHIA J

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading **BRINKLEY CYNTHIA J** Issuer Symbol CENTENE CORP [CNC] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify 7700 FORSYTH BOULEVARD 12/09/2017 below) President & COO (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 Form filed by More than One Reporting ST. LOUIS, MO 63105 Person

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities Acquired 5. Amount of 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) Securities Ownership Indirect (Instr. 3) Code (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Beneficially Form: Direct Beneficial (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned (D) or Ownership Following Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) Reported (Instr. 4) (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price 4,796 Common \$ 12/09/2017 F D 134,887 (2) D (1) 101.34 Stock

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)

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1. Title of	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exercis	sable and	7. Title and A	mount of
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	TransactionNumber Code of		Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
Security	or Exercise		any						
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Derivative	e			
	Derivative				Securities				
	Security				Acquired				
					(A) or				
					Disposed				
					of (D)				
					(Instr. 3,				
					4, and 5)				
						Date	E ' ' D '	TT:41	Amount or
				Codo V	(A) (D)	Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Number of
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares
Phantom	÷ 2 (2)						0.2.1.5.1.2.1.5(4)	Common	
Stock	$\$ \ 0 \ \underline{^{(3)}}$					02/16/2016	$02/16/2016^{(4)}$	Stock	2,332.436

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BRINKLEY CYNTHIA J 7700 FORSYTH BOULEVARD ST. LOUIS, MO 63105

President & COO

Stock

Signatures

Stock

/s/ Jeffrey A. Schwaneke (executed by attorney-in-fact)

12/11/2017

**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) Shares withheld for taxes upon vesting of previously reported stock grant.
- (2) Ownership includes 91,667 shares of restricted stock units subject to vesting requirements.
- (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 Ms. Brinkley's termination with the Company or on such other date Ms. Brinkley may elect.

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