BRINKLEY CYNTHIA J

Form 4

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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) (Last) (First) (Middle) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner _X__ Officer (give title _ Other (specify 7700 FORSYTH BOULEVARD 12/12/2018 below) EVP, Chief Admin/Markets Offcr (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

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tabl	e I - Non-I	Derivative	Secui	rities Acqu	ired, 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. Securi on(A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose	d 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	12/12/2018		F	2,172 (1)	D	\$ 132.83	161,522 <u>(2)</u>	D	
Common Stock	12/13/2018		F	3,017 (1)	D	\$ 134.29	158,505 <u>(2)</u>	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)

	•	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		e	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and 4	ecurities
					Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Pha Stoc	ntom ek	\$ 0 (3)					02/16/2016	02/16/2016(4)	Common 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

EVP, Chief Admin/Markets Offcr

Signatures

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

12/14/2018

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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- * 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 101,201 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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