

CENTENE CORP  
Form 8-K  
October 02, 2009

**UNITED STATES**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15 (d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event  
reported): **September 30, 2009**

**Centene Corporation**

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(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

**Delaware**

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(State or Other

**001-31826**

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(Commission

**42-1406317**

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(I.R.S. Employer

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Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation)

File Number)

Identification Number)

**7711 Carondelet Avenue, Suite 800**

**St. Louis, Missouri**

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**63105**

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(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

**(314) 725-4477**

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Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

Eric R. Slusser, Executive Vice President of International Development, has announced that he will be leaving Centene Corporation (the Company ) effective October 16, 2009 in order to pursue another opportunity. Mr. Slusser will receive payments from the Company that are consistent with the terms of his existing agreement (a form of which is referenced as Exhibit 10.14 of the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year 2008).

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CENTENE CORPORATION

Date: October 2, 2009

By: /s/ Keith H. Williamson  
Keith H. Williamson  
Senior Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel