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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Baldwin Kenneth Rone 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 12/15/2016 below) EVP, Markets (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 (C:tr.) (State) (7:m)

(City)	(State) (Table	I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned								
1.Title of	2. Transaction Date		3.	4. Securi			5. Amount of	6. Ownership			
Security	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transactio	on(A) or D	ispose	d of (D)	Securities	Form: Direct	Indirect		
(Instr. 3)		any	Code (Instr. :		3, 4 and 5)		Beneficially	(D) or	Beneficial		
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)				Owned	Indirect (I)	Ownership		
							Following	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)		
					(4)		Reported				
					(A)		Transaction(s)				
			Code V	Amount	or (D)	Price	(Instr. 3 and 4)				
Common Stock	12/15/2016		F	2,797 (1)	D	\$ 56.14	92,712 (2)	D			

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

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1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		4. Transactio	5. orNumber	6. Date Exerc Expiration D		7. Title at Amount of		8. Price of Derivative	9. Nu Deriv
Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	(monda, Day, Teal)	(Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/		Underlyin Securities (Instr. 3 a	ng s	(Instr. 5)	Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Baldwin Kenneth Rone

7700 FORSYTH BOULEVARD EVP, Markets

ST. LOUIS, MO 63105

Signatures

/s/ Jeffrey A. Schwaneke (executed by attorney-in-fact) 12/15/2016

**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 previous awards of 42,499 restricted stock units subject to vesting requirements.

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