

GOLDMAN CAROL  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
GOLDMAN CAROL

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
7700 FORSYTH BOULEVARD  
(Street)

ST. LOUIS, MO 63105

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
CENTENE CORP [CNC]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/17/2011

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Exec VP Chief Admin Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	03/17/2011		M	17,500 A \$ 13.58	102,084 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	03/17/2011		M	5,324 A \$ 13.98	107,408 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	03/17/2011		M	3,000 A \$ 16.65	110,408 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	03/17/2011		F	12,273 <sup>(2)</sup> D \$ 29.5	98,135 <sup>(1)</sup>	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)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)			
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount Number of Shares
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.58	03/17/2011		M		17,500		08/26/2008	08/26/2013	Common Stock	17,500
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.98	03/17/2011		M		5,324		12/16/2008	12/16/2013	Common Stock	5,324
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.65	03/17/2011		M		3,000		05/04/2009	05/04/2014	Common Stock	3,000
Phantom Stock	\$ 0 <sup>(3)</sup>							12/31/2007	12/31/2007 <sup>(4)</sup>	Common Stock	220,600
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 26.07							12/08/2009	12/08/2014	Common Stock	40,000
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 25.4							12/13/2010	12/13/2015	Common Stock	10,000
Common Stock Option	\$ 25.21							12/12/2011	12/12/2016	Common Stock	5,000

(right to  
buy)

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GOLDMAN CAROL 7700 FORSYTH BOULEVARD ST. LOUIS, MO 63105			Exec VP Chief Admin Officer	

## Signatures

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

03/21/2011

\_\_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 44,900 restricted stock units which are subject to vesting requirements.
- (2) Shares withheld for payment of exercise price.
- (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. Goldman's termination with the Company or on such other date Ms. Goldman may elect.

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