MINIFIE C DAVID
Form 4
April 12, 2013

# FORM 4

## UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
### Washington, D.C. 20549

### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

| OMB APPROVAL | |
|---|---|
| OMB Number: | 3235-0287 |
| Expires: | January 31, 2005 |
| Estimated average burden hours per response... | 0.5 |

(Print or Type Responses)

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person [*] <br> **MINIFIE C DAVID** | 2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol <br> **CENTENE CORP [CNC]** | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer |
|---|---|---|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <br> 04/12/2013 | (Check all applicable) <br> _____ Director _____ 10% Owner <br> __X__ Officer (give title _____ Other (specify below) below) <br> EVP, Chief Marketing Officer |
| **7700 FORSYTH BOULEVARD** | | |
| (Street) | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <br> _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person <br> ___ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
| **ST. LOUIS, MO 63105** | | |
| (City) (State) (Zip) | | |

### 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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 10,500 [(1)] | D | |

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

### 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) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | | | | |
| Phantom Stock | $ 0 (2) | 04/12/2013 | | A | | 2.843 (3) | | 04/12/2013 | 04/12/2013(4) | Common Stock | 2.843 |

# Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| MINIFIE C DAVID 7700 FORSYTH BOULEVARD ST. LOUIS, MO 63105 | | | EVP, Chief Marketing Officer | |

# Signatures

| /s/ William N. Scheffel (executed by attorney-in-fact) | 04/12/2013 |
|---|---|
| **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 10,500 restricted stock units subject to vesting requirements.

(2) Each share of phantom stock represents the right to receive the fair market value of one share of Centene common stock.

(3) The phantom stock was acquired by Mr. Minifie through regular scheduled payroll contributions to the Company's deferred compensation plan.

(4) The phantom stock has no formal expiration date. The phantom stock will be settled in cash or other non-Company securities upon Mr. Minifie's termination with the Company or on such other date Mr. Minifie may elect.

Note: File three copies of this Form, one of which must be manually signed. If space is insufficient, *see* Instruction 6 for procedure.
Potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a currently valid OMB number.