

# 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)

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|--|---------|--|---|---|---|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *<br><b>LAYTON BRENT D</b> |         | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><b>CENTENE CORP [CNC]</b> |   | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer<br>(Check all applicable)<br><input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)<br><b>President &amp; COO</b> |   |
| (Last)   | (First) | (Middle)   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br><b>10/28/2021</b> |   |   |
| 7700 FORSYTH BLVD  |         |  |   |   |   |
| (Street)   |         |  | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)                  |   | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
| SAINT 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                    | 10/28/2021                           |  | S                              |   | 77  | (1)        | D     | \$ 70.17  | 534,127.492  | D   |  |
| Common Stock                    | 11/01/2021                           |  | S                              |   | 3,923   | (1)        | D     | \$ 70.64  | 530,204.492 (2)  | 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) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V |   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date |   |  |  |  |  |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                               | Relationships |           |                 |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer         | Other |
| LAYTON BRENT D<br>7700 FORSYTH BLVD<br>SAINT LOUIS, MO 63105 |               |           | President & COO |       |

## Signatures

|  |  |            |
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| /s/ Christopher A. Koster (executed by attorney-in-fact) |  | 11/01/2021 |
| 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) This sale is pursuant to a 10b5-1 Trading Plan that was established on March 5, 2021.
- (2) Ownership includes 346,836 shares of restricted stock units subject to vesting requirements.

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