

BOWERS CHRISTOPHER D

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Â BOWERS CHRISTOPHER D	(Month/Day/Year)	CENTENE CORP [CNC]
(Last) (First) (Middle)	03/07/2007	
7711 CARONDELET AVENUE		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
(Street)		(Check all applicable)
		☐ Director ☐ 10% Owner ☒ Officer ☐ Other (give title below) (specify below) Acting Head, Health Plans
ST. LOUIS,Â MOÂ 63105		5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
(City) (State) (Zip)		
		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 Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	6,474 ⁽¹⁾	D	Â

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of			

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	04/23/2007	04/23/2012	Common Stock	13,200	\$ 9.74	D	Â
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	07/24/2007	07/24/2012	Common Stock	6,000	\$ 7.57	D	Â
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	05/04/2009	05/04/2014	Common Stock	12,000	\$ 16.65	D	Â
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	12/08/2009	12/08/2014	Common Stock	35,000	\$ 26.07	D	Â
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	12/13/2010	12/13/2015	Common Stock	1,000	\$ 25.4	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BOWERS CHRISTOPHER D 7711 CARONDELET AVENUE ST. LOUIS, MO 63105	Â	Â	Â Acting Head, Health Plans	Â

Signatures

/s/ J. Per Brodin (executed by
attorney-in-fact) 03/21/2007

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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).

Mr. Bowers' ownership includes 3,200 restricted stock units which vest in four equal annual installments on the anniversary of the grant
(1) date beginning on December 13, 2007, and 2,500 restricted stock units which vest in five equal annual installments on the anniversary of
the grant date beginning on December 12, 2007.

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