

CENTENE CORP  
Form 8-K  
May 08, 2009

**UNITED STATES**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, D. C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15 (d) of the  
Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event  
reported): **May 4, 2009**

**Centene Corporation**

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(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

**Delaware**

**001-31826**

**42-1406317**

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(State or Other

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(Commission

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(I.R.S. Employer

Jurisdiction of

File Number)

Identification Number)

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Incorporation)

**7711 Carondelet Avenue, Suite 800**

**St. Louis, Missouri**

**63105**

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(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

**(314) 725-4477**

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

(b) and (c) Eric R. Slusser, Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, has assumed the role of Executive Vice President, International Development, effective as of May 4, 2009. William N. Scheffel, Executive Vice President, Specialty Business Unit, has assumed the role of Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, effective as of May 4, 2009.

Mr. Scheffel's biographical information is included Centene's proxy statement on Schedule 14A filed with the SEC on March 13, 2009 and is incorporated herein by reference. Mr. Scheffel does not have any family relationships with any of the Company's directors or executive officers and is not a party to any transactions listed in Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

CENTENE CORPORATION

Date: May 8, 2009

By: /s/ Keith H. Williamson  
Keith H. Williamson  
Senior Vice President, Secretary and General Counsel