

CENTENE CORP  
Form 8-K  
December 15, 2016

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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): December 15, 2016

CENTENE CORPORATION  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

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| Delaware<br>(State or Other Jurisdiction<br>of Incorporation) | 001-31826<br>(Commission File Number) | 42-1406317<br>(IRS Employer<br>Identification No.) |
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7700 Forsyth Blvd.  
St. Louis, Missouri  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)  
63105  
Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (314) 725-4477  
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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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 7.01 REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

On December 15, 2016, the Company issued a press release announcing its 2017 financial guidance and confirming its 2016 financial guidance. The full text of the press release is included as Exhibit 99.1 to this report.

Centene Corporation will host an investor meeting tomorrow, including a question-and-answer session, to discuss the details of its guidance at the Pierre Hotel in New York City. The meeting will begin promptly at 8:30 AM (Eastern Time) and end approximately at noon (Eastern Time). Investors and other interested parties who are unable to attend in person are invited to listen to the investor meeting via a live, audio webcast on the Company's website and view a copy of the investor presentation at [www.centene.com](http://www.centene.com), under the Investors section.

The information contained in the website is not a part of this report.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(d) Exhibits.

99.1 Press release of Centene Corporation issued December 15, 2016.

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SIGNATURE

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: December 15, 2016 By: /s/ Jeffrey A. Schwaneke  
Jeffrey A. Schwaneke  
Executive Vice President & Chief Financial Officer

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number Description

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