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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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Phantom Stock	\$ 0 ⁽³⁾					12/31/2007	12/31/2007 ⁽⁴⁾	Common Stock	220,672
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 7.57					07/24/2007	07/24/2012	Common Stock	7,500
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.58					08/26/2008	08/26/2013	Common Stock	20,000
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 13.98					12/16/2008	12/16/2013	Common Stock	6,056
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 16.65					05/04/2009	05/04/2014	Common Stock	9,000
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 26.07					12/08/2009	12/08/2014	Common Stock	40,000
Common Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 25.4					12/13/2010	12/13/2015	Common Stock	10,000
Common Stock Option	\$ 25.21					12/12/2011	12/12/2016	Common Stock	5,000

(right to
buy)

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
GOLDMAN CAROL 7711 CARONDELET AVE. ST. LOUIS, MO 63105			Exec VP Chief Admin Officer	

Signatures

/s/ Eric R. Slusser (executed by
attorney-in-fact) 02/23/2009

__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) Shares withheld for taxes upon vesting of previously reported stock grant.
- (2) Ms. Goldman's ownership includes previous awards of 36,300 restricted stock units subject to vesting requirements.
- (3) Each share of phantom stock represents the right to receive the fair market value of one share of Centene common stock.
- (4) The phantom stock has no formal expiration date. The phantom stock will be settled in cash or other non-Company securities upon Ms. Goldman's termination with the Company or on such other date Ms. Goldman may elect.

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