

Exhibit 1

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
EASTERN DIVISION**

ISRAEL SANCHEZ, Individually and On
Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

CENTENE CORP., MICHAEL F.
NEIDORFF, and JEFFREY A.
SCHWANEKE,

Defendants.

Case No. 4:17-cv-00806-AGF

STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT OF SETTLEMENT

This Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement, dated as of March 5, 2020 (the “Stipulation”) is entered into between (a) Lead Plaintiff Louisiana Sheriffs’ Pension & Relief Fund (“Lead Plaintiff”), on behalf of itself and the Settlement Class (defined below); and (b) defendant Centene Corporation (“Centene” or the “Company”) and defendants Michael F. Neidorff and Jeffrey A. Schwaneke (the “Individual Defendants” and, with Centene, “Defendants”), by and through their counsel of record, and embodies the terms and conditions of the settlement of the above-captioned action (the “Action”).¹ Subject to the approval of the Court and the terms and conditions expressly provided herein, this Stipulation is intended to fully, finally and forever compromise, settle, release, resolve, discharge and dismiss with prejudice the Action and all Released Plaintiffs’ Claims (defined below).

¹ All terms with initial capitalization not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in ¶ 1.

WHEREAS:

A. On November 14, 2016, a class action complaint was filed in the United States District Court for the Central District of California, styled *Sanchez v. Centene Corp.* On January 18, 2017, Defendants moved to transfer the Action to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri (the “Court”), pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1404(a). On March 1, 2017, the United States District Court for the Central District of California (the Honorable André Birotte Jr.) granted the motion to transfer.

B. By Order dated May 1, 2017, the Court appointed Louisiana Sheriffs’ Pension & Relief Fund as Lead Plaintiff for the Action; and approved Lead Plaintiff’s selection of Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP as Lead Counsel for the class.

C. On July 17, 2017, Lead Plaintiff filed and served the Consolidated Class Action Complaint (the “Complaint”) asserting claims against all Defendants under Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange Act”) and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder, and against the Individual Defendants under Section 20(a) of the Exchange Act.

D. On September 15, 2017, Defendants served and filed a motion to dismiss the Complaint. On October 30, 2017, Lead Plaintiff served its memorandum of law in opposition to this motion and, on November 27, 2017, Defendants served their reply papers. The Court held oral argument on the motion of February 22, 2018.

E. On August 30, 2019, the Court issued its Memorandum Opinion and Order granting in part and denying in part Defendants’ motion to dismiss the Complaint.

F. On September 27, 2019, Defendants filed and served their Answer to the Complaint.

G. In late 2019, the Parties agreed to engage in private mediation in an attempt to resolve the Action and further agreed to the appointment of Michelle Yoshida of Phillips ADR to act as mediator. A mediation session before Ms. Yoshida was held on January 29, 2020. At the conclusion of that mediation session, the Parties accepted Ms. Yoshida's mediator's recommendation to settle the Action and release all claims against Defendants and Defendants' Releasees in return for a cash payment by or on behalf of Defendants of \$7,500,000.00 for the benefit of the Settlement Class.

H. This Stipulation (together with the exhibits hereto) reflects the final and binding agreement between the Parties.

I. Based upon their investigation, prosecution, and mediation of the case, Lead Plaintiff and Lead Counsel have concluded that the terms and conditions of this Stipulation are fair, reasonable, and adequate to Lead Plaintiff and the other members of the Settlement Class, and in their best interests. Based on Lead Plaintiff's direct oversight of the prosecution of this matter and with the advice of its counsel, Lead Plaintiff has agreed to settle and release the Released Plaintiffs' Claims pursuant to the terms and provisions of this Stipulation, after considering, among other things: (a) the financial benefit that Lead Plaintiff and the other members of the Settlement Class will receive under the proposed Settlement; and (b) the significant risks and costs of continued litigation and trial.

J. Defendants are entering into this Stipulation solely to eliminate the uncertainty, burden, and expense of further protracted litigation. As set forth in ¶ 38 below, each of the Defendants denies any wrongdoing, and this Stipulation shall in no event be construed or deemed to be evidence of or an admission or concession on the part of any of the Defendants with respect to any claim or allegation of any fault or liability or wrongdoing or damage whatsoever, or any

infirmity in the defenses that Defendants have, or could have, asserted. Defendants expressly deny that Lead Plaintiff has asserted any valid claims as to any of them, and expressly deny any and all allegations of fault, liability, wrongdoing, or damages whatsoever. Defendants have determined that it is desirable and beneficial to them that the Action be settled in the manner and upon the terms and conditions set forth in this Stipulation. Further, this Stipulation shall in no event be construed or deemed to be evidence of or an admission or concession on the part of Lead Plaintiff of any infirmity in any of the claims asserted in the Action, or an admission or concession that any of the Defendants' defenses to liability had any merit.

K. This Stipulation constitutes a compromise of all matters that are in dispute between the Parties.

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby STIPULATED AND AGREED, by and among Lead Plaintiff (on behalf of itself and all other members of the Settlement Class) and Defendants, by and through their respective undersigned attorneys and subject to the approval of the Court pursuant to Rule 23(e) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, that, in consideration of the benefits flowing to the Parties from the Settlement, all Released Plaintiffs' Claims as against the Defendants' Releasees and all Released Defendants' Claims as against the Plaintiffs' Releasees shall be settled and released, and the Action shall be dismissed with prejudice upon and subject to the terms and conditions set forth below.

DEFINITIONS

1. As used in this Stipulation and any exhibits attached hereto and made a part hereof, the following capitalized terms shall have the following meanings:

(a) "Action" means the securities class action in the matter styled *Sanchez v. Centene Corp.*, Case No. 4:17-cv-00806-AGF.

(b) “Authorized Claimant” means a Settlement Class Member who submits a Claim to the Claims Administrator that is approved by the Court for payment from the Net Settlement Fund.

(c) “Centene” or the “Company” means Centene Corporation.

(d) “Claim” means a paper claim submitted on a Proof of Claim Form or an electronic claim that is submitted to the Claims Administrator.

(e) “Claim Form” or “Proof of Claim Form” means the form, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 2 to Exhibit A, that a Claimant must complete and submit should that Claimant seek to share in a distribution of the Net Settlement Fund.

(f) “Claimant” means a person or entity that submits a Claim to the Claims Administrator seeking to be eligible to share in the proceeds of the Net Settlement Fund.

(g) “Claims Administrator” means the firm retained by Lead Counsel, subject to approval of the Court, to provide all notices approved by the Court to potential Settlement Class Members and to administer the Settlement.

(h) “Class Distribution Order” means an order entered by the Court authorizing and directing that the Net Settlement Fund be distributed, in whole or in part, to Authorized Claimants.

(i) “Class Period” means the period from May 24, 2016 through July 25, 2016, inclusive.

(j) “Complaint” means the Consolidated Class Action Complaint filed July 17, 2017.

(k) “Court” means the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri.

(l) “Defendants” means Centene and the Individual Defendants.

(m) “Defendants’ Counsel” means Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP.

(n) “Defendants’ Releasees” means Defendants and their current and former parents, affiliates, subsidiaries, controlling persons, associates, related or affiliated entities, and each and all of their respective past or present officers, directors, employees, partners, members, principals, agents, representatives, attorneys, financial or investment advisors, consultants, underwriters, investment bankers, commercial bankers, advisors, insurers, reinsurers, heirs, spouses, executors, trustees, general or limited partners or partnerships, limited liability companies, members, joint ventures, personal or legal representatives, estates, administrators, predecessors, successors or assigns, or any member of their Immediate Family, marital communities, or any trusts for which any of them are trustees, settlors or beneficiaries or anyone acting or purporting to act for or on behalf of them or their successors or collectively.

(o) “Effective Date” with respect to the Settlement means the date on which all of the events and conditions specified in ¶ 32 of this Stipulation have been met and have occurred or have been waived.

(p) “ERISA” means the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended.

(q) “Escrow Account” means an account maintained at Huntington National Bank wherein the Settlement Amount shall be deposited and held in escrow under the control of Lead Counsel.

(r) “Escrow Agent” means Huntington National Bank.

(s) “Escrow Agreement” means the agreement between Lead Counsel and the Escrow Agent setting forth the terms under which the Escrow Agent shall maintain the Escrow Account.

(t) “Final,” with respect to the Judgment, means: (i) if no appeal is filed, the expiration date of the time provided for filing or noticing any appeal under any applicable rule, including the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure; or (ii) if there is an appeal from the judgment or order, (a) the date of final dismissal of all such appeals, or the final dismissal of any proceeding on certiorari or otherwise, or (b) the date the judgment or order is finally affirmed on an appeal, the expiration of the time to file a petition for a writ of certiorari or other form of review, or the denial of a writ of certiorari or other form of review, and, if certiorari or other form of review is granted, the date of final affirmance following review pursuant to that grant. However, any appeal or proceeding seeking subsequent judicial review pertaining solely to an order issued with respect to (i) attorneys’ fees, costs or expenses, (ii) the plan of allocation of Settlement proceeds (as submitted or subsequently modified), or (iii) the procedures for determining Authorized Claimants’ Claims, shall not in any way delay or preclude a judgment from becoming Final.

(u) “Immediate Family” means heirs, children, stepchildren, parents, stepparents, spouses, siblings, mothers-in-law, fathers-in-law, sons-in-law, daughters-in-law, brothers-in-law, and sisters-in-law. As used in this paragraph, “spouse” shall mean a husband, a wife, or a partner in a state-recognized domestic relationship or civil union.

(v) “Individual Defendants” means Michael F. Neidorff and Jeffrey A. Schwaneke.

(w) “Judgment” means the judgment and order of dismissal, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit B, to be entered by the Court approving the Settlement.

(x) “Lead Counsel” means the law firm of Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP.

(y) “Lead Plaintiff” means Louisiana Sheriffs’ Pension & Relief Fund.

(z) “Litigation Expenses” means costs and expenses incurred in connection with commencing, prosecuting and settling the Action (which may include the costs and expenses of Lead Plaintiff directly related to its representation of the Settlement Class), for which Lead Counsel intends to apply to the Court for payment or reimbursement from the Settlement Fund.

(aa) “Net Settlement Fund” means the Settlement Fund less: (i) any Taxes; (ii) any Notice and Administration Costs; (iii) any Litigation Expenses awarded by the Court; (iv) any attorneys’ fees awarded by the Court; and (v) any other costs or fees approved by the Court.

(bb) “Notice” means the Notice of (I) Pendency of Class Action and Proposed Settlement; (II) Settlement Fairness Hearing; and (III) Motion for Attorneys’ Fees and Litigation Expenses, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 1 to Exhibit A, which is to be mailed to Settlement Class Members.

(cc) “Notice and Administration Costs” means the costs, fees, and expenses that are incurred by the Claims Administrator and/or Lead Counsel in connection with: (i) providing notice to the Settlement Class; and (ii) administering the Settlement, including but not limited to the Claims process, as well as the costs, fees, and expenses incurred in connection with the Escrow Account.

(dd) “Officer” means any officer as that term is defined in Securities and Exchange Act Rule 16a-1(f).

(ee) “Parties” means Defendants and Lead Plaintiff, on behalf of itself and the Settlement Class.

(ff) “Plaintiffs’ Counsel” means (i) Lead Counsel, (ii) additional counsel for Lead Plaintiff, Klausner, Kaufman, Jensen & Levinson; and (iii) liaison counsel, Cuneo Gilbert & Laduca.

(gg) “Plaintiffs’ Releasees” means Lead Plaintiff, all other plaintiffs in the Action, and all other Settlement Class Members, and their respective current and former parents, affiliates, subsidiaries, controlling persons, associates, related or affiliated entities, and each and all of their respective past or present officers, directors, employees, partners, members, principals, agents, representatives, attorneys, financial or investment advisors, consultants, underwriters, investment bankers, commercial bankers, advisors, insurers, reinsurers, heirs, spouses, executors, trustees, general or limited partners or partnerships, limited liability companies, members, joint ventures, personal or legal representatives, estates, administrators, predecessors, successors or assigns, or any member of their Immediate Family, marital communities, or any trusts for which any of them are trustees, settlors or beneficiaries or anyone acting or purporting to act for or on behalf of them or their successors or collectively.

(hh) “Plan of Allocation” means the proposed plan of allocation of the Net Settlement Fund set forth in the Notice.

(ii) “Preliminary Approval Order” means the order, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, to be entered by the Court preliminarily approving the Settlement and directing that notice of the Settlement be provided to the Settlement Class.

(jj) “PSLRA” means the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, 15 U.S.C. §§ 77z-1, 78u-4, as amended.

(kk) “Released Claims” means all Released Defendants’ Claims and all Released Plaintiffs’ Claims.

(ll) “Released Defendants’ Claims” means, to the fullest extent that the law permits their release, all claims and causes of action of every nature and description, whether known or unknown, whether arising under federal, state, common or foreign law, that arise out of or relate in any way to the institution, prosecution, or settlement of the claims against the Defendants, except for (i) claims relating to the enforcement of the Settlement or this Stipulation, or (ii) any claims against any person or entity who or which submits a request for exclusion from the Settlement Class that is accepted by the Court. “Released Defendants’ Claims” include “Unknown Claims,” as defined herein.

(mm) “Released Plaintiffs’ Claims” means, to the fullest extent that the law permits their release, all claims, suits, actions, appeals, causes of action, damages (including, without limitation, compensatory, punitive, exemplary, rescissory, direct, consequential, or special damages, and restitution and disgorgement), demands, rights, debts, penalties, costs, expenses, fees, injunctive relief, attorneys’ fees, expert or consulting fees, prejudgment interest, indemnities, duties, liabilities, losses, or obligations of every nature and description whatsoever, whether known or unknown, whether or not concealed or hidden, fixed or contingent, direct or indirect, anticipated or unanticipated, whether legal, contractual, rescissory, statutory, or equitable in nature, whether arising under federal, state, common, or foreign law, that Lead Plaintiff or any member of the Settlement Class asserted or could have asserted in any forum that are based upon, arise from, or relate to: (i) the allegations, transactions, facts, matters, events, disclosures, public filings, acts, occurrences, representations, statements, omissions or failures to act that were alleged in the Complaint or any other filing in this Action; and (ii) the purchase of Centene common stock during

the Class Period. For the avoidance of doubt, this release does not release or impair (i) any claims asserted in any ERISA or derivative action, including without limitation the claims asserted in *Carpenters Pension Fund of Illinois, et al. v. Neidorff, et al.*, Case No. 4:18-cv-00113-CDP, or any cases consolidated into that action; (ii) any claims by any governmental entity that arise out of any governmental investigation of Defendants relating to the conduct alleged in the Action; or (iii) any claims relating to the enforcement of the Settlement. “Released Plaintiffs’ Claims” include “Unknown Claims,” as defined herein.

(nn) “Releasee(s)” means each and any of the Defendants’ Releasees and each and any of the Plaintiffs’ Releasees.

(oo) “Releases” means the releases set forth in ¶¶ 5-6 of this Stipulation.

(pp) “Settlement” means the settlement between Lead Plaintiff and Defendants on the terms and conditions set forth in this Stipulation.

(qq) “Settlement Amount” means \$7,500,000.00 in cash.

(rr) “Settlement Class” means all persons and entities who purchased the common stock of Centene during the Class Period and who were damaged thereby. Excluded from the Settlement Class are (i) Defendants; (ii) members of the Immediate Family of each Individual Defendant; (iii) any person who was an Officer or director of Centene; (iv) any firm or entity in which any Defendant has or had a controlling interest; (v) any person who participated in the wrongdoing alleged; (vi) Defendants’ liability insurance carriers; (vii) any affiliates, parents, or subsidiaries of Centene; (viii) all Centene plans that are covered by ERISA; and (ix) the legal representatives, agents, affiliates, heirs, beneficiaries, successors-in-interest, or assigns of any excluded person or entity, in their respective capacity as such. Also excluded from the Settlement

Class are any persons and entities who or which exclude themselves by submitting a request for exclusion that is accepted by the Court.

(ss) “Settlement Class Member” means each person or entity that is a member of the Settlement Class.

(tt) “Settlement Fund” means the Settlement Amount plus any and all interest earned thereon.

(uu) “Settlement Hearing” means the hearing set by the Court under Rule 23(e)(2) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure to consider final approval of the Settlement.

(vv) “Summary Notice” means the Summary Notice of (I) Pendency of Class Action and Proposed Settlement; (II) Settlement Fairness Hearing; and (III) Motion for Attorneys’ Fees and Litigation Expenses, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 3 to Exhibit A, to be published as set forth in the Preliminary Approval Order.

(ww) “Taxes” means: (i) all federal, state and/or local taxes of any kind (including any interest or penalties thereon) on any income earned by the Settlement Fund; and (ii) the expenses and costs incurred by Lead Counsel in connection with determining the amount of, and paying, any taxes owed by the Settlement Fund (including, without limitation, expenses of tax attorneys and accountants).

(xx) “Unknown Claims” means any Released Plaintiffs’ Claims which Lead Plaintiff or any other Settlement Class Member does not know or suspect to exist in his, her, or its favor at the time of the release of such claims, and any Released Defendants’ Claims which any Defendant does not know or suspect to exist in his or its favor at the time of the release of such claims, which, if known by him, her, or it, might have affected his, her, or its decision(s) with respect to this Settlement. With respect to any and all Released Claims, the Parties stipulate and

agree that, upon the Effective Date of the Settlement, Lead Plaintiff and Defendants shall expressly waive, and each of the other Settlement Class Members shall be deemed to have waived, and by operation of the Judgment, shall have expressly waived, any and all provisions, rights, and benefits conferred by any law of any state or territory of the United States, or principle of common law or foreign law, which is similar, comparable, or equivalent to California Civil Code §1542, which provides:

A general release does not extend to claims that the creditor or releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release and that, if known by him or her, would have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor or released party.

Lead Plaintiff, any Settlement Class Member, or any Defendant may hereafter discover facts, legal theories, or authorities in addition to or different from those which any of them now knows or believes to be true with respect to the subject matter of the Released Plaintiffs' Claims and the Released Defendants' Claims, but the Parties shall expressly, fully, finally, and forever waive, compromise, settle, discharge, extinguish, and release, and each Settlement Class Member shall be deemed to have waived, compromised, settled, discharged, extinguished, and released, and upon the Effective Date and by operation of the Judgment shall have waived, compromised, settled, discharged, extinguished, and released, fully, finally, and forever, any and all Released Plaintiffs' Claims and Released Defendants' Claims, as applicable, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, contingent or absolute, accrued or unaccrued, apparent or unapparent, which now exist, or heretofore existed, or may hereafter exist, without regard to the subsequent discovery or existence of such different or additional facts, legal theories, or authorities. Lead Plaintiff and Defendants acknowledge, and each of the other Settlement Class Members shall be deemed by operation of law to have acknowledged, that the foregoing waiver was separately bargained for and a key element of the Settlement.

CLASS CERTIFICATION

2. Solely for purposes of the Settlement and for no other purpose, Defendants stipulate and agree to: (a) certification of the Action as a class action pursuant to Rules 23(a) and 23(b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure on behalf of the Settlement Class; (b) certification of Lead Plaintiff as Class Representative for the Settlement Class; and (c) appointment of Lead Counsel as Class Counsel for the Settlement Class pursuant to Rule 23(g) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. In the event the Settlement is terminated, the Settlement is not approved, or the Effective Date of the Settlement otherwise fails to occur, as provided in ¶ 34 below, Defendants reserve all rights and defenses concerning class certification and the appointment of Class Representative and Class Counsel.

PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF SETTLEMENT

3. Promptly, and not later than ten (10) business days after execution of this Stipulation, Lead Plaintiff will move for preliminary approval of the Settlement, authorization to provide notice of the Settlement to the Settlement Class, and the scheduling of a hearing for consideration of final approval of the Settlement, which motion shall be unopposed by Defendants. Concurrently with the motion for preliminary approval, Lead Plaintiff shall apply to the Court for, and Defendants shall agree to, entry of the Preliminary Approval Order, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A.

RELEASE OF CLAIMS

4. The obligations incurred pursuant to this Stipulation are in consideration of: (a) the full and final disposition of the Action as against Defendants; and (b) the Releases provided for herein.

5. Pursuant to the Judgment, without further action by anyone, upon the Effective Date of the Settlement, Lead Plaintiff and each of the other Settlement Class Members, on behalf of themselves, and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, predecessors, successors, and assigns, in their capacities as such, shall be deemed to have, and by operation of law and of the Judgment shall have, fully, finally, and forever compromised, settled, released, resolved, relinquished, waived, and discharged each and every Released Plaintiffs' Claim against Defendants and all of the Defendants' Releasees, and shall forever be barred and enjoined from bringing, asserting, or prosecuting any or all of the Released Plaintiffs' Claims against any of the Defendants' Releasees.

6. Pursuant to the Judgment, without further action by anyone, upon the Effective Date of the Settlement, Defendants, on behalf of themselves, and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, predecessors, successors, and assigns, in their capacities as such, shall be deemed to have, and by operation of law and of the Judgment shall have, fully, finally, and forever compromised, settled, released, resolved, relinquished, waived, and discharged each and every Released Defendants' Claim against Lead Plaintiff and all of the Plaintiffs' Releasees, and shall forever be barred and enjoined from bringing, asserting, or prosecuting any or all of the Released Defendants' Claims against any of the Plaintiffs' Releasees. This release shall not apply to any person or entity who or which submits a request for exclusion from the Settlement Class that is accepted by the Court.

7. Notwithstanding ¶¶ 5-6 above, nothing in the Judgment shall bar any action by any of the Parties to enforce or effectuate the terms of this Stipulation or the Judgment.

THE SETTLEMENT CONSIDERATION

8. In consideration of the settlement of the Released Plaintiffs' Claims against Defendants and the other Defendants' Releasees, Defendants shall pay or cause to be paid the Settlement Amount into the Escrow Account, either by wire or by sending a check, no later than twenty (20) business days after the later of: (a) the date of entry by the Court of Preliminary Approval Order; or (b) Defendants' Counsel's receipt from Lead Counsel of the information necessary to effectuate a transfer of funds to the Escrow Account, including the appropriate party to whom the check should be written and wiring instructions that include the bank name and ABA routing number, account name and number, and a signed W-9 reflecting a valid taxpayer identification number for the qualified settlement fund in which the Settlement Amount is to be deposited. With the sole exception of Defendants' obligation to secure payment of the Settlement Amount into the Escrow Account as provided for in this ¶ 8, the Defendants' Releasees shall have no responsibility for, interest in, or liability whatsoever with respect to: (i) any act, omission, or determination by Lead Counsel or the Claims Administrator, or any of their respective designees, in connection with the administration of the Settlement or otherwise; (ii) the management, investment, supervision, or distribution of the Settlement Fund; (iii) the Plan of Allocation; (iv) the determination, administration, calculation, or payment of any claims asserted against the Settlement Fund; (v) any loss suffered by, or fluctuation in value of, the Settlement Fund; or (vi) the payment or withholding of any Taxes and/or costs incurred in connection with the taxation of the Settlement Fund, distributions or other payments from the Escrow Account, or the filing of any federal, state, or local returns.

USE OF SETTLEMENT FUND

9. The Settlement Fund shall be used to pay: (a) any Taxes; (b) any Notice and Administration Costs; (c) any Litigation Expenses awarded by the Court; (d) any attorneys' fees awarded by the Court; and (e) any other costs and fees approved by the Court. The balance remaining in the Settlement Fund, that is, the Net Settlement Fund, shall be distributed to Authorized Claimants as provided in ¶¶ 18-30 below.

10. Except as provided herein or pursuant to orders of the Court, the Net Settlement Fund shall remain in the Escrow Account prior to the Effective Date. All funds held by the Escrow Agent shall be deemed to be in the custody of the Court and shall remain subject to the jurisdiction of the Court until such time as the funds shall be distributed or returned pursuant to the terms of this Stipulation and/or further order of the Court. The Escrow Agent shall invest any funds in the Escrow Account exclusively in United States Treasury Bills (or a mutual fund invested solely in such instruments) and shall collect and reinvest all interest accrued thereon, except that any residual cash balances up to the amount that is insured by the FDIC may be deposited in any account that is fully insured by the FDIC. In the event that the yield on United States Treasury Bills is negative, in lieu of purchasing such Treasury Bills, all or any portion of the funds held by the Escrow Agent may be deposited in any account that is fully insured by the FDIC or invested in instruments backed by the full faith and credit of the United States. Additionally, if short-term placement of the funds is necessary, all or any portion of the funds held by the Escrow Agent may be deposited in any account that is fully insured by the FDIC or invested in instruments backed by the full faith and credit of the United States. The Defendants' Releasees shall have no responsibility for, interest in, or liability whatsoever with respect to investment decisions or actions

of the Escrow Agent. All risks related to the investment of the Settlement Fund shall be borne solely by the Settlement Fund.

11. The Parties agree that the Settlement Fund is intended to be a Qualified Settlement Fund within the meaning of Treasury Regulation § 1.468B-1 and that Lead Counsel, as administrator of the Settlement Fund within the meaning of Treasury Regulation § 1.468B-2(k)(3), shall be solely responsible for filing or causing to be filed all informational and other tax returns as may be necessary or appropriate (including, without limitation, the returns described in Treasury Regulation § 1.468B-2(k)) for the Settlement Fund. Lead Counsel shall also be responsible for causing payment to be made from the Settlement Fund of any Taxes owed with respect to the Settlement Fund. The Defendants' Releasees shall not have any liability or responsibility for any such Taxes. Upon written request, Defendants will provide to Lead Counsel the statement described in Treasury Regulation § 1.468B-3(e). Lead Counsel, as administrator of the Settlement Fund within the meaning of Treasury Regulation § 1.468B-2(k)(3), shall timely make such elections as are necessary or advisable to carry out this paragraph, including, as necessary, making a "relation back election," as described in Treasury Regulation § 1.468B-1(j), to cause the Qualified Settlement Fund to come into existence at the earliest allowable date, and shall take or cause to be taken all actions as may be necessary or appropriate in connection therewith.

12. All Taxes shall be paid out of the Settlement Fund, and shall be timely paid, or caused to be paid, by Lead Counsel and without further order of the Court. Any tax returns prepared for the Settlement Fund (as well as the election set forth therein) shall be consistent with the previous paragraph and in all events shall reflect that all Taxes on the income earned by the Settlement Fund shall be paid out of the Settlement Fund as provided herein. Defendants'

Releasees shall have no responsibility or liability for the acts or omissions of Lead Counsel or its agents with respect to the payment of Taxes, as described herein.

13. The Settlement is not a claims-made settlement. Upon the occurrence of the Effective Date, no Defendant, Defendants' Releasee, or any other person or entity who or which paid any portion of the Settlement Amount shall have any right to the return of the Settlement Fund or any portion thereof for any reason whatsoever, including, without limitation, the number of Claims submitted, the collective amount of Recognized Claims of Authorized Claimants, the percentage of recovery of losses, or the amounts to be paid to Authorized Claimants from the Net Settlement Fund.

14. Notwithstanding the fact that the Effective Date of the Settlement has not yet occurred, Lead Counsel may pay from the Settlement Fund, without further approval from Defendants or further order of the Court, all Notice and Administration Costs actually incurred and paid or payable. Such costs and expenses shall include, without limitation, the actual costs of printing and mailing the Notice, publishing the Summary Notice, reimbursements to nominee owners for forwarding the Notice to their beneficial owners, the administrative expenses incurred and fees charged by the Claims Administrator in connection with providing notice and administering the Settlement (including processing the submitted Claims), and the fees, if any, of the Escrow Agent. In the event that the Settlement is terminated pursuant to the terms of this Stipulation, all Notice and Administration Costs paid or incurred, including any related fees, shall not be returned or repaid to Defendants, any of the other Defendants' Releasees, or any other person or entity who or which paid any portion of the Settlement Amount. All Notice and Administration Costs shall be paid exclusively from the Settlement Fund. Except for Defendants' obligation to send CAFA notice as provided for in ¶ 20, Defendants' Releasees shall have no

responsibility for or liability whatsoever with respect to the Notice and Administration Costs, nor shall they have any responsibility or liability whatsoever for any claims with respect thereto.

ATTORNEYS' FEES AND LITIGATION EXPENSES

15. Lead Counsel will apply to the Court for a collective award of attorneys' fees to Plaintiffs' Counsel to be paid solely from (and out of) the Settlement Fund. Lead Counsel also will apply to the Court for payment or reimbursement of Litigation Expenses, which may include a request for reimbursement of Lead Plaintiff's costs and expenses directly related to its representation of the Settlement Class, to be paid solely from (and out of) the Settlement Fund. Lead Counsel's application for an award of attorneys' fees and/or Litigation Expenses is not the subject of any agreement between Defendants and Lead Plaintiff other than what is set forth in this Stipulation.

16. Any attorneys' fees and Litigation Expenses that are awarded by the Court shall be paid to Lead Counsel immediately upon award, notwithstanding the existence of any timely filed objections thereto, or potential for appeal therefrom, or collateral attack on the Settlement or any part thereof, subject to Plaintiffs' Counsel's obligation to make appropriate refunds or repayments to the Settlement Fund, plus accrued interest at the same net rate as is earned by the Settlement Fund, if (i) the Effective Date does not occur; (ii) the Settlement is terminated pursuant to the terms of this Stipulation; or (iii) if, as a result of any appeal or further proceedings on remand, or successful collateral attack, the award of attorneys' fees and/or Litigation Expenses is reduced or reversed and such order reducing or reversing the award has become Final. Plaintiffs' Counsel shall make the appropriate refund or repayment in full no later than twenty (20) business days after: (a) receiving from Defendants' Counsel notice of the termination of the Settlement; or (b) any order reducing or reversing the award of attorneys' fees and/or Litigation Expenses has

become final. Each such Plaintiffs' Counsel's law firm or Lead Plaintiff, as a condition of receiving such fees, costs, and expenses, on behalf of itself and each partner and/or shareholder of it, agrees that the law firm and its partners and/or shareholders are subject to the jurisdiction of the Court for the purpose of enforcing the provisions of this paragraph. Any refunds required pursuant to this paragraph ¶ 16 shall be the several obligation of Lead Counsel, other Plaintiffs' Counsel, and Lead Plaintiff that received fees or expenses to make appropriate refunds or repayments to the Settlement Fund. An award of attorneys' fees and/or Litigation Expenses is not a necessary term of this Stipulation and is not a condition of the Settlement embodied herein. Neither Lead Plaintiff nor Lead Counsel may cancel or terminate the Settlement based on this Court's or any appellate court's ruling with respect to attorneys' fees and/or Litigation Expenses.

17. Lead Counsel shall allocate the attorneys' fees awarded amongst Plaintiffs' Counsel in a manner which it, in good faith, believes reflects the contributions of such counsel to the institution, prosecution and settlement of the Action. Defendants' Releasees shall have no responsibility for or liability whatsoever with respect to the allocation or award of attorneys' fees or Litigation Expenses. The attorneys' fees and Litigation Expenses that are awarded to Plaintiffs' Counsel shall be payable solely from the Escrow Account.

NOTICE AND SETTLEMENT ADMINISTRATION

18. As part of the Preliminary Approval Order, Lead Counsel shall seek appointment of a Claims Administrator. The Claims Administrator shall administer the Settlement, including but not limited to the process of receiving, reviewing, and approving or denying Claims, under Lead Counsel's supervision and subject to the jurisdiction of the Court. Other than Centene's obligation to provide its shareholders records as provided in ¶ 19 below, none of the Defendants, nor any other Defendants' Releasees, shall have any involvement in or any responsibility,

authority, or liability whatsoever for the selection of the Claims Administrator, the Plan of Allocation, the administration of the Settlement, the Claims process, or disbursement of the Net Settlement Fund, and shall have no liability whatsoever to any person or entity, including, but not limited to, Lead Plaintiff, any other Settlement Class Members, or Lead Counsel in connection with the foregoing. Defendants' Counsel shall cooperate in the administration of the Settlement to the extent reasonably necessary to effectuate its terms.

19. In accordance with the terms of the Preliminary Approval Order to be entered by the Court, Lead Counsel shall cause the Claims Administrator to mail the Notice and Proof of Claim Form to those members of the Settlement Class as may be identified through reasonable effort. Lead Counsel shall also cause the Claims Administrator to have the Summary Notice published in accordance with the terms of the Preliminary Approval Order to be entered by the Court. For the purposes of identifying and providing notice to the Settlement Class, within five (5) business days of the date of entry of the Preliminary Approval Order, Centene shall provide or cause to be provided to the Claims Administrator in electronic format (at no cost to the Settlement Fund, Lead Counsel or the Claims Administrator) a list consisting of names and mailing addresses and email addresses, if available, of the holders of the Centene common stock during the Class Period.

20. No later than ten (10) calendar days following the filing of this Stipulation with the Court, Defendants shall serve the notice required under the Class Action Fairness Act, 28 U.S.C. § 1715 *et seq.* ("CAFA"). Defendants are solely responsible for the costs of the CAFA notice and administering the CAFA notice. At least seven (7) calendar days before the Settlement Hearing, Defendants shall cause to be served on Lead Counsel and filed with the Court proof, by affidavit or declaration, regarding compliance with the notice requirements of CAFA. The Parties agree

that any delay by Defendants in timely serving the CAFA notice will not provide grounds for delay of the Settlement Hearing or entry of the Judgment.

21. The Claims Administrator shall receive Claims and determine first, whether the Claim is a valid Claim, in whole or part, and second, each Authorized Claimant's *pro rata* share of the Net Settlement Fund based upon each Authorized Claimant's Recognized Claim compared to the total Recognized Claims of all Authorized Claimants (as set forth in the Plan of Allocation set forth in the Notice attached hereto as Exhibit 1 to Exhibit A, or in such other plan of allocation as the Court approves).

22. The Plan of Allocation proposed in the Notice is not a necessary term of the Settlement or of this Stipulation and it is not a condition of the Settlement or of this Stipulation that any particular plan of allocation be approved by the Court. Lead Plaintiff and Lead Counsel may not cancel or terminate the Settlement (or this Stipulation) based on the Court's or any appellate court's ruling with respect to the Plan of Allocation or any other plan of allocation in this Action. Defendants and the other Defendants' Releasees shall not object in any way to the Plan of Allocation or any other plan of allocation in this Action. No Defendant or any other Defendants' Releasee shall have any involvement with or liability, obligation, or responsibility whatsoever for the application of the Court-approved plan of allocation.

23. Any Settlement Class Member that does not submit a valid Claim will not be entitled to receive any distribution from the Net Settlement Fund, but will otherwise be bound by all of the terms of this Stipulation and the Settlement, including the terms of the Judgment, to be entered in the Action and the Releases provided for herein and therein, and will be permanently barred and enjoined from bringing any action, claim, or other proceeding of any kind against the

Defendants' Releasees with respect to the Released Plaintiffs' Claims in the event that the Effective Date occurs with respect to the Settlement.

24. Lead Counsel shall be responsible for supervising the administration of the Settlement and the disbursement of the Net Settlement Fund subject to Court approval. No Defendant or any other Defendants' Releasee shall be permitted to review, contest, or object to any Claim, or any decision of the Claims Administrator or Lead Counsel with respect to accepting or rejecting any Claim for payment. Lead Counsel shall have the right, but not the obligation, to waive what it deems to be formal or technical defects in any Claims submitted in the interests of achieving substantial justice.

25. For purposes of determining the extent, if any, to which a Settlement Class Member shall be entitled to be treated as an Authorized Claimant, the following conditions shall apply:

(a) Each Claimant shall be required to submit a Claim in paper form, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 2 to Exhibit A, or in electronic form, in accordance with the instructions for the submission of such Claims, and supported by such documents as are designated therein, including proof of the Claimant's loss, or such other documents or proof as the Claims Administrator or Lead Counsel, in their discretion, may deem acceptable;

(b) All Claims must be submitted by the date set by the Court in the Preliminary Approval Order and specified in the Notice. Any Settlement Class Member who fails to submit a Claim by such date shall be forever barred from receiving any distribution from the Net Settlement Fund or payment pursuant to this Stipulation (unless by Order of the Court such Settlement Class Member's Claim is accepted), but shall in all other respects be bound by all of the terms of this Stipulation and the Settlement, including the terms of the Judgment, and the Releases provided for

herein and therein, and will be permanently barred and enjoined from bringing any action, claim or other proceeding of any kind against any Defendants' Releasees with respect to any Released Plaintiffs' Claim. Provided that it is mailed by the claim-submission deadline, a Claim Form shall be deemed to be submitted when postmarked, if received with a postmark indicated on the envelope and if mailed by first-class mail and addressed in accordance with the instructions thereon. In all other cases, the Claim Form shall be deemed to have been submitted on the date when actually received by the Claims Administrator;

(c) Each Claim shall be submitted to and reviewed by the Claims Administrator who shall determine in accordance with this Stipulation and the Plan of Allocation the extent, if any, to which each Claim shall be allowed, subject to review by the Court pursuant to subparagraph (e) below as necessary;

(d) Claims that do not meet the submission requirements may be rejected. Prior to rejecting a Claim in whole or in part, the Claims Administrator shall communicate with the Claimant in writing, to give the Claimant the chance to remedy any curable deficiencies in the Claim submitted. The Claims Administrator shall notify, in a timely fashion and in writing, all Claimants whose Claim the Claims Administrator proposes to reject in whole or in part, setting forth the reasons therefor, and shall indicate in such notice that the Claimant whose Claim is to be rejected has the right to a review by the Court if the Claimant so desires and complies with the requirements of subparagraph (e) below; and

(e) If any Claimant whose Claim has been rejected in whole or in part desires to contest such rejection, the Claimant must, within twenty (20) calendar days after the date of mailing of the notice required in subparagraph (d) above or a lesser time period if the Claim was untimely, serve upon the Claims Administrator a notice and statement of reasons indicating the

Claimant's grounds for contesting the rejection along with any supporting documentation, and requesting a review thereof by the Court. If a dispute concerning a Claim cannot be otherwise resolved, Lead Counsel shall thereafter present the request for review to the Court.

26. Each Claimant shall be deemed to have submitted to the jurisdiction of the Court with respect to the Claimant's Claim, including but not limited to all Releases provided herein and in the Judgment, and the Claim will be subject to investigation and discovery under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, provided, however, that such investigation and discovery shall be limited to that Claimant's status as a Settlement Class Member and the validity and amount of the Claimant's Claim. No discovery shall be allowed on the merits of this Action or of the Settlement in connection with the processing of Claims.

27. Lead Counsel will apply to the Court, on notice to Defendants' Counsel, for a Class Distribution Order: (a) approving the Claims Administrator's administrative determinations concerning the acceptance and rejection of the Claims submitted; (b) approving payment of any administration fees and expenses associated with the administration of the Settlement from the Escrow Account; and (c) if the Effective Date has occurred, directing payment of the Net Settlement Fund to Authorized Claimants from the Escrow Account.

28. Payment pursuant to the Class Distribution Order shall be final and conclusive against all Claimants. All Settlement Class Members whose Claims are not approved by the Court for payment shall be barred from participating in distributions from the Net Settlement Fund, but otherwise shall be bound by all of the terms of this Stipulation and the Settlement, including the terms of the Judgment, to be entered in this Action and the Releases provided for herein and therein, and will be permanently barred and enjoined from bringing any action against any and all Defendants' Releasees with respect to any and all of the Released Plaintiffs' Claims.

29. No person or entity shall have any claim against Lead Plaintiff, Lead Counsel, the Claims Administrator, or any other agent designated by Lead Counsel, or Defendants' Releasees and/or their respective counsel, arising from distributions made substantially in accordance with the Stipulation, the Plan of Allocation approved by the Court, or any order of the Court. Lead Plaintiff and Defendants, and their respective counsel, and all other Releasees shall have no liability whatsoever for the investment or distribution of the Settlement Fund or the Net Settlement Fund, the Plan of Allocation, or the determination, administration, calculation, or payment of any claim or nonperformance of the Claims Administrator, the payment or withholding of Taxes (including interest and penalties) owed by the Settlement Fund, or any losses incurred in connection therewith.

30. All proceedings with respect to the administration, processing and determination of Claims and the determination of all controversies relating thereto, including disputed questions of law and fact with respect to the validity of Claims, shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the Court. All Settlement Class Members, other Claimants, and Parties to this Settlement expressly waive trial by jury (to the extent any such right may exist) and any right of appeal or review with respect to such determinations.

TERMS OF THE JUDGMENT

31. If the Settlement contemplated by this Stipulation is approved by the Court, Lead Counsel and Defendants' Counsel shall request that the Court enter a Judgment, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit B.

CONDITIONS OF SETTLEMENT AND EFFECT OF DISAPPROVAL, CANCELLATION OR TERMINATION

32. The Effective Date of the Settlement shall be the date on which all of the following events have occurred or been waived:

(a) the Court has entered the Preliminary Approval Order, substantially in the form set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto, as required by ¶ 3 above;

(b) the Settlement Amount has been deposited into the Escrow Account in accordance with the provisions of ¶ 8 above;

(c) Defendants have not exercised their option to terminate the Settlement pursuant to the provisions of this Stipulation;

(d) Lead Plaintiff has not exercised its option to terminate the Settlement pursuant to the provisions of this Stipulation; and

(e) the Court has approved the Settlement as described herein, following notice to the Settlement Class and a hearing, as prescribed by Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and entered the Judgment and the Judgment has become Final.

33. Upon the occurrence of all of the events referenced in ¶ 32 above, any and all remaining interest or right of Defendants in or to the Settlement Fund, if any, shall be absolutely and forever extinguished and the Releases herein shall be effective.

34. If (i) Defendants exercise their right to terminate the Settlement as provided in this Stipulation; (ii) Lead Plaintiff exercises its right to terminate the Settlement as provided in this Stipulation; (iii) the Court disapproves the Settlement; or (iv) the Effective Date as to the Settlement otherwise fails to occur, then:

(a) The Settlement and the relevant portions of this Stipulation shall be canceled and terminated.

(b) Lead Plaintiff and Defendants shall revert to their respective positions in the Action immediately prior to the execution of this Stipulation.

(c) The terms and provisions of this Stipulation, with the exception of this ¶ 34 and ¶¶ 14, 16, 38, and 57, shall have no further force and effect with respect to the Parties and shall not be used in the Action or in any other proceeding for any purpose, and any Judgment or order entered by the Court in accordance with the terms of this Stipulation shall be treated as vacated, *nunc pro tunc*.

(d) In the event the Settlement is not approved or the Settlement is terminated pursuant to this Stipulation, then Lead Counsel shall, within five (5) business days, provide written notification of termination to the Escrow Agent. Within five (5) business days after such notification of termination, the Settlement Fund (including accrued interest thereon, and change in value as a result of the investment of the Settlement Fund, and any funds received by Lead Counsel consistent with ¶ 16 above), less any Notice and Administration Costs actually incurred, paid or payable and less any Taxes paid, due or owing shall be refunded by the Escrow Agent to Defendants (or such other persons or entities as Defendants may direct). In the event that the funds received by Lead Counsel consistent with ¶ 16 above have not been refunded to the Settlement Fund within the five (5) business days specified in this paragraph, those funds shall be refunded by the Escrow Agent to Defendants (or such other persons or entities as Defendants may direct) immediately upon their deposit into the Escrow Account consistent with ¶ 16 above.

35. It is further stipulated and agreed that Defendants, provided they unanimously agree, and Lead Plaintiff shall each have the right to terminate the Settlement and this Stipulation, by providing written notice of their election to do so (“Termination Notice”) to the other Parties to this Stipulation within thirty (30) calendar days of: (a) the Court’s final refusal to enter the Preliminary Approval Order in any material respect; (b) the Court’s final refusal to approve the Settlement or any material part thereof; (c) the Court’s final refusal to enter the Judgment in any

material respect as to the Settlement; or (d) the date upon which the Judgment is modified or reversed in any material respect by the United States Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit or the United States Supreme Court, and the provisions of ¶ 34 above shall apply. However, any decision or proceeding, whether in this Court or any appellate court, with respect to an application for attorneys' fees or Litigation Expenses or with respect to any plan of allocation shall not be considered material to the Settlement, shall not affect the finality of any Judgment and shall not be grounds for termination of the Settlement.

36. If prior to the Settlement Hearing, the aggregate number of shares of Centene common stock purchased or acquired during the Class Period by persons or entities who would otherwise be Settlement Class Members, but who request exclusion from the Settlement Class, exceeds the sum specified in a separate supplemental agreement between Lead Plaintiff and Defendants by and through their counsel (the "Supplemental Agreement"), Defendants, provided they unanimously agree, shall have the discretion to terminate this Stipulation and render it null and void in accordance with the procedures set forth in the Supplemental Agreement. The Parties agree to maintain the confidentiality of the Supplemental Agreement. The Supplemental Agreement shall not be filed with the Court unless and until a dispute arises between the Parties concerning its interpretation or application, or as otherwise ordered by the Court. The Supplemental Agreement shall not otherwise be disclosed in any manner unless ordered by the Court. If required by the Court, the Supplemental Agreement and/or any of its terms may be disclosed *in camera* to the Court for purposes of approval of the Settlement, but such disclosure shall be carried out to the fullest extent possible in accordance with the practices of the Court so as to preserve the confidentiality of the Supplemental Agreement, particularly the threshold aggregate number of shares.

37. In addition to the grounds set forth in ¶¶ 35 and 36 above, Lead Plaintiff shall also have the right to terminate the Settlement in the event that the Settlement Amount has not been paid as provided for in ¶ 8 above, but only if: (i) Lead Counsel has notified Defendants' Counsel in writing of Lead Counsel's intention to terminate the Settlement; and (ii) the entire Settlement Amount is not transferred to the Escrow Account within five (5) business days after Lead Counsel has provided such written notice.

NO ADMISSION OF WRONGDOING

38. Neither this Stipulation (whether or not consummated), including the exhibits hereto and the Plan of Allocation contained therein (or any other plan of allocation that may be approved by the Court), the negotiations leading to the execution of this Stipulation, nor any proceedings taken pursuant to or in connection with this Stipulation, and/or approval of the Settlement (including any arguments proffered in connection therewith):

(a) shall be offered against any of the Defendants' Releasees as evidence of, or construed as, or deemed to be evidence of any presumption, concession, or admission by any of the Defendants' Releasees with respect to the truth of any fact alleged by Lead Plaintiff or the validity of any claim that was or could have been asserted or the deficiency of any defense that has been or could have been asserted in this Action or in any other litigation, or of any liability, negligence, fault, or other wrongdoing of any kind of any of the Defendants' Releasees or in any way referred to for any other reason as against any of the Defendants' Releasees, in any arbitration proceeding or other civil, criminal, or administrative action or proceeding, other than such proceedings as may be necessary to effectuate the provisions of this Stipulation;

(b) shall be offered against any of the Plaintiffs' Releasees as evidence of, or construed as, or deemed to be evidence of any presumption, concession, or admission by any of the Plaintiffs' Releasees that any of their claims are without merit, that any of the Defendants' Releasees had meritorious defenses, or that damages recoverable under the Complaint would not have exceeded the Settlement Amount or with respect to any liability, negligence, fault, or wrongdoing of any kind, or in any way referred to for any other reason as against any of the Plaintiffs' Releasees, in any arbitration proceeding or other civil, criminal, or administrative action or proceeding, other than such proceedings as may be necessary to effectuate the provisions of this Stipulation; or

(c) shall be construed against any of the Releasees as an admission, concession, or presumption that the consideration to be given hereunder represents the amount which could be or would have been recovered after trial;

provided, however, that if this Stipulation is approved by the Court, the Parties and the Releasees and their respective counsel may refer to it to effectuate the protections from liability granted hereunder or otherwise to enforce the terms of the Settlement.

MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

39. All of the exhibits attached hereto are hereby incorporated by reference as though fully set forth herein. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the event that there exists a conflict or inconsistency between the terms of this Stipulation and the terms of any exhibit attached hereto, the terms of the Stipulation shall prevail.

40. Defendants warrant that, as to the payments made or to be made on behalf of them, at the time of entering into this Stipulation and at the time of such payment they, or to the best of their knowledge any persons or entities contributing to the payment of the Settlement Amount,

were not insolvent, nor will the payment required to be made by or on behalf of them render them insolvent, within the meaning of and/or for the purposes of the United States Bankruptcy Code, including §§ 101 and 547 thereof. This representation is made by each of the Defendants and not by their counsel.

41. In the event of the entry of a final order of a court of competent jurisdiction determining the transfer of money to the Settlement Fund or any portion thereof by or on behalf of Defendants to be a preference, voidable transfer, fraudulent transfer, or similar transaction and any portion thereof is required to be returned, and such amount is not promptly deposited into the Settlement Fund by others, then, at the election of Lead Plaintiff, Lead Plaintiff and Defendants shall jointly move the Court to vacate and set aside the Releases given and the Judgment entered in favor of Defendants and the other Releasees pursuant to this Stipulation, in which event the Releases and Judgment shall be null and void, the Parties shall be restored to their respective positions in the litigation as provided in ¶ 34 above, and any cash amounts in the Settlement Fund (less any Taxes paid, due or owing with respect to the Settlement Fund and less any Notice and Administration Costs actually incurred, paid or payable) shall be returned as provided in ¶ 34.

42. The Parties intend the Settlement to be the full, final, and complete resolution of all claims asserted or that could have been asserted by the Parties with respect to the Action, Released Plaintiffs' Claims and Released Defendants' Claims. The Settlement compromises claims which are contested and shall not be deemed an admission by any Party as to the merits of any claim or defense. Pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 78u-4(c)(1), the Judgment will contain a finding that, during the course of the Action, the Parties and their respective counsel at all times complied with the requirements of Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 11 in connection with the maintenance, prosecution, defense, and settlement of the Action and shall not make any application for sanctions,

pursuant to Rule 11 or other court rule or statute, with respect to any claim or defense in this Action. The Parties agree that the Settlement Amount and the other terms of the Settlement were negotiated at arm's length, including through a mediation process supervised and conducted by Michelle Yoshida of Phillips ADR, and in good faith by the Parties, and reflect a settlement that was reached voluntarily based upon adequate information and after consultation with competent legal counsel. The Parties reserve their right to rebut, in a manner that such Party determines to be appropriate, any contention made in any public forum regarding the Action, including that the Action was brought or defended in bad faith or without a reasonable basis.

43. The terms of the Settlement, as reflected in this Stipulation, may not be modified or amended, nor may any of its provisions be waived, except by a writing signed on behalf of both Lead Plaintiff and Defendants (or their successors-in-interest).

44. The headings herein are used for the purpose of convenience only and are not meant to have legal effect.

45. The administration and consummation of the Settlement as embodied in this Stipulation shall be under the authority of the Court, and the Court shall retain jurisdiction for the purpose of entering orders providing for awards of attorneys' fees and Litigation Expenses to Plaintiffs' Counsel and enforcing the terms of this Stipulation, including the Plan of Allocation (or such other plan of allocation as may be approved by the Court) and the distribution of the Net Settlement Fund to Settlement Class Members.

46. The waiver by one Party of any breach of this Stipulation by any other Party shall not be deemed a waiver of any other prior or subsequent breach of this Stipulation.

47. This Stipulation, its exhibits, and the Supplemental Agreement constitute the entire agreement among Lead Plaintiff and Defendants concerning the Settlement and this Stipulation

and its exhibits. All Parties acknowledge that no other agreements, representations, warranties, or inducements have been made by any Party hereto concerning this Stipulation, its exhibits, or the Supplemental Agreement other than those contained and memorialized in such documents.

48. This Stipulation may be executed in one or more counterparts, including by signature transmitted via facsimile, or by a .pdf/.tif image of the signature transmitted via email. All executed counterparts and each of them shall be deemed to be one and the same instrument.

49. This Stipulation shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the successors and assigns of the Parties, including any and all Releasees and any corporation, partnership, or other entity into or with which any Party hereto may merge, consolidate, or reorganize.

50. The construction, interpretation, operation, effect, and validity of this Stipulation, the Supplemental Agreement, and all documents necessary to effectuate them shall be governed by the internal laws of the State of Missouri without regard to conflicts of laws, except to the extent that federal law requires that federal law govern.

51. Any action arising under or to enforce this Stipulation, or any portion thereof, shall be commenced and maintained only in the Court.

52. This Stipulation shall not be construed more strictly against one Party than another merely by virtue of the fact that it, or any part of it, may have been prepared by counsel for one of the Parties, it being recognized that it is the result of arm's-length negotiations between the Parties and all Parties have contributed substantially and materially to the preparation of this Stipulation.

53. All counsel and any other person executing this Stipulation and any of the exhibits hereto, or any related Settlement documents, warrant and represent that they have the full authority to do so and that they have the authority to take appropriate action required or permitted to be taken pursuant to the Stipulation to effectuate its terms.

54. The Parties acknowledge that it is their intent to consummate this agreement, and Lead Counsel and Defendants' Counsel agree to cooperate to the extent reasonably necessary to effectuate and implement all terms and conditions of the Stipulation and to exercise their best efforts to accomplish the foregoing terms and conditions of the Stipulation, and to use best efforts to promptly agree upon and execute all such other documentation as may be reasonably required to obtain final approval by the Court of the Settlement.

55. If any Party is required to give notice to another Party under this Stipulation, such notice shall be in writing and shall be deemed to have been duly given (i) upon receipt of hand delivery or email transmission, with confirmation of receipt; (ii) one (1) business day after being sent to the recipient by reputable overnight courier service; or (iii) seven (7) business days after being mailed to the recipient by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, and postage prepaid. Notice shall be provided as follows:

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If to Defendants: Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP
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300 South Grand Avenue, Suite 3400
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56. Except as otherwise provided herein, each Party shall bear its own costs.

57. Whether or not the Stipulation is approved by the Court and whether or not the Stipulation is consummated, or the Effective Date occurs, the Parties and their counsel shall use

their best efforts to keep all negotiations, discussions, acts performed, agreements, drafts, documents signed, and proceedings in connection with the Stipulation confidential.

58. All agreements made and orders entered during the course of this Action relating to the confidentiality of information shall survive this Settlement.

59. No opinion or advice concerning the tax consequences of the proposed Settlement to individual Settlement Class Members is being given or will be given by the Parties or their counsel; nor is any representation or warranty in this regard made by virtue of this Stipulation. Each Settlement Class Member's tax obligations, and the determination thereof, are the sole responsibility of the Settlement Class Member, and it is understood that the tax consequences may vary depending on the particular circumstances of each individual Settlement Class Member.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this Stipulation to be executed, by their duly authorized attorneys, as of March 5, 2020.

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Exhibit A

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
EASTERN DIVISION

ISRAEL SANCHEZ, Individually and On
Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

CENTENE CORP., MICHAEL F.
NEIDORFF, and JEFFREY A.
SCHWANEKE,

Defendants.

Case No. 4:17-cv-00806-AGF

**[PROPOSED] ORDER PRELIMINARILY APPROVING SETTLEMENT
AND AUTHORIZING DISSEMINATION OF NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT**

WHEREAS, a securities action is pending in this Court entitled *Sanchez v. Centene Corp.*, Case No. 4:17-cv-00806-AGF (the “Action”);

WHEREAS, (a) Lead Plaintiff Louisiana Sheriffs’ Pension & Relief Fund (“Lead Plaintiff”), on behalf of itself and the Settlement Class (defined below), and (b) defendant Centene Corporation (“Centene” or the “Company”) and defendants Michael F. Neidorff and Jeffrey A. Schwaneke (collectively, the “Individual Defendants,” and, together with Centene, “Defendants”) have determined to settle all claims asserted against Defendants in this Action with prejudice on the terms and conditions set forth in the Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement dated March 5, 2020 (the “Stipulation”), subject to the approval of this Court (the “Settlement”);

WHEREAS, Lead Plaintiff has made a motion, pursuant to Rule 23(e)(1) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, for an order preliminarily approving the Settlement in accordance with the Stipulation and allowing notice to Settlement Class Members as more fully described herein;

WHEREAS, the Court has read and considered: (a) Lead Plaintiff’s motion for preliminary approval of the Settlement and authorization to send notice of the Settlement to the Settlement Class, and the papers filed and arguments made in connection therewith; and (b) the Stipulation and the exhibits attached thereto; and

WHEREAS, unless otherwise defined in this Order, the capitalized terms herein shall have the same meanings as they have in the Stipulation;

NOW THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

1. **Proposed Class Certification for Settlement Purposes** – Solely for purposes of effectuating the proposed Settlement, the Parties have proposed the certification of the following Settlement Class pursuant to Rules 23(a) and (b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure: all persons and entities who purchased the common stock of Centene during the period from May 24, 2016 through July 25, 2016, inclusive (the “Class Period”) and who were damaged thereby (the “Settlement Class”). Excluded from the Settlement Class are (i) Defendants; (ii) members of the Immediate Family of each Individual Defendant; (iii) any person who was an Officer or director of Centene; (iv) any firm or entity in which any Defendant has or had a controlling interest; (v) any person who participated in the wrongdoing alleged; (vi) Defendants’ liability insurance carriers; (vii) any affiliates, parents, or subsidiaries of Centene; (viii) all Centene plans that are covered by ERISA; and (ix) the legal representatives, agents, affiliates, heirs, beneficiaries, successors-in-interest, or assigns of any excluded person or entity, in their respective capacity as such. Also excluded from the Settlement Class are any persons and entities who or which exclude themselves by submitting a request for exclusion that is accepted by the Court.

2. **Class Findings** – The Court finds, pursuant to Rule 23(e)(1)(B)(ii) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, that it will likely be able to certify the Settlement Class solely for

purposes of the proposed Settlement. Specifically, the Court finds that each element required for certification of the Settlement Class pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure has been met or will likely be met: (a) the members of the Settlement Class are so numerous that their joinder in the Action would be impracticable; (b) there are questions of law and fact common to the Settlement Class which predominate over any individual questions; (c) the claims of Lead Plaintiff in the Action are typical of the claims of the Settlement Class; (d) Lead Plaintiff and Lead Counsel have and will fairly and adequately represent and protect the interests of the Settlement Class; and (e) a class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of the Action.

3. The Court also finds, pursuant to Rule 23(e)(1)(B)(ii) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, that it will likely be able to certify Lead Plaintiff as Class Representative for the Settlement Class and appoint Lead Counsel as Class Counsel for the Settlement Class pursuant to Rule 23(g) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

4. **Preliminary Approval of the Settlement** – The Court hereby preliminarily approves the Settlement, as embodied in the Stipulation, and finds, pursuant to Rule 23(e)(1)(B)(i) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, that it will likely be able to finally approve the Settlement under Rule 23(e)(2) as being fair, reasonable, and adequate to the Settlement Class, subject to further consideration at the Settlement Hearing to be conducted as described below. The Court finds probative that the Settlement was negotiated at arm’s length under the oversight of an experienced mediator.

5. **Settlement Hearing** – The Court will hold a settlement hearing (the “Settlement Hearing”) on _____, 2020 at ___:___ .m. in Courtroom 12 South of the Thomas F. Eagleton U.S. Courthouse, 111 South 10th Street, St. Louis, MO 63102, for the following

purposes: (a) to determine whether the proposed Settlement on the terms and conditions provided for in the Stipulation is fair, reasonable, and adequate to the Settlement Class, and should be finally approved by the Court; (b) to determine whether, for purposes of the Settlement only, the Action should be certified as a class action on behalf of the Settlement Class, Lead Plaintiff should be certified as Class Representative for the Settlement Class, and Lead Counsel should be appointed as Class Counsel for the Settlement Class; (c) to determine whether a Judgment substantially in the form attached as Exhibit B to the Stipulation should be entered dismissing the Action with prejudice against Defendants; (d) to determine whether the Releases set forth in the Stipulation should be ordered; (e) to determine whether the proposed Plan of Allocation for the proceeds of the Settlement is fair and reasonable and should be approved; (f) to determine whether Lead Counsel's motion for attorneys' fees and litigation expenses should be approved; (g) to consider any Settlement Class Members' timely objections to the Settlement, Plan of Allocation, or motion for fees and expenses; and (h) to consider any other matters that may properly be brought before the Court in connection with the Settlement. Notice of the Settlement and the Settlement Hearing shall be given to Settlement Class Members as set forth in paragraph 7 of this Order.

6. The Court may adjourn the Settlement Hearing without further notice to the Settlement Class, and may approve the proposed Settlement with such modifications as the Parties may agree to, if appropriate, without further notice to the Settlement Class, provided that doing so would not impair Settlement Class Members' rights in a manner inconsistent with Rule 23 and due process of law.

7. **Retention of Claims Administrator and Manner of Giving Notice** – Lead Counsel is hereby authorized to retain JND Legal Administration (the "Claims Administrator") to supervise and administer the notice procedure in connection with the proposed Settlement as well

as the processing of Claims as more fully set forth below. Notice of the Settlement and the Settlement Hearing shall be given by Lead Counsel as follows:

(a) not later than five (5) business days after the date of entry of this Order, Centene shall, at no cost to the Settlement Fund, Lead Counsel, or the Claims Administrator, provide or cause to be provided to the Claims Administrator in electronic format a list consisting of names and mailing addresses and email addresses, if available, of the holders of Centene common stock during the Class Period;

(b) beginning not later than fifteen (15) business days after the date of entry of this Order (the “Notice Date”), the Claims Administrator shall cause a copy of the Notice and the Claim Form, substantially in the forms attached hereto as Exhibits 1 and 2, respectively (collectively, the “Notice Packet”), to be mailed by first-class mail or emailed to potential Settlement Class Members at the addresses set forth in the records provided by Centene or in the records which Centene caused to be provided, or who otherwise may be identified through further reasonable effort;

(c) contemporaneously with the mailing of the Notice Packet, the Claims Administrator shall cause copies of the Notice and Claim Form to be posted on a website to be developed for the Settlement, from which copies of the Notice and Claim Form can be downloaded;

(d) not later than ten (10) business days after the Notice Date, the Claims Administrator shall cause the Summary Notice, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit 3, to be published once in *Investor’s Business Daily* and to be transmitted once over the *PR Newswire*; and

(e) not later than seven (7) calendar days prior to the Settlement Hearing, Lead Counsel shall serve on Defendants' Counsel and file with the Court proof, by affidavit or declaration, of such mailing and publication.

8. **Approval of Form and Content of Notice** – The Court (a) approves, as to form and content, the Notice, the Claim Form, and the Summary Notice, attached hereto as Exhibits 1, 2, and 3, respectively, and (b) finds that the mailing and distribution of the Notice and Claim Form and the publication of the Summary Notice in the manner and form set forth in paragraph 7 of this Order (i) is the best notice practicable under the circumstances; (ii) constitutes notice that is reasonably calculated, under the circumstances, to apprise Settlement Class Members of the pendency of the Action, of the effect of the proposed Settlement (including the Releases to be provided thereunder), of Lead Counsel's motion for attorneys' fees and Litigation Expenses, of their right to object to the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, and/or Lead Counsel's motion for attorneys' fees and Litigation Expenses, of their right to exclude themselves from the Settlement Class, and of their right to appear at the Settlement Hearing; (iii) constitutes due, adequate, and sufficient notice to all persons and entities entitled to receive notice of the proposed Settlement; and (iv) satisfies the requirements of Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the United States Constitution (including the Due Process Clause), the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, 15 U.S.C. § 78u-4, as amended, and all other applicable law and rules. The date and time of the Settlement Hearing shall be included in the Notice and Summary Notice before they are mailed and published, respectively.

9. **Nominee Procedures** – Brokers and other nominees who purchased or otherwise acquired Centene common stock during the Class Period for the benefit of another person or entity shall: (a) within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of the Notice, request from the Claims

Administrator sufficient copies of the Notice Packet to forward to all such beneficial owners and, within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of those Notice Packets, forward them to all such beneficial owners; or (b) within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of the Notice, send a list of the names, mailing addresses, and, if available, email addresses, of all such beneficial owners to the Claims Administrator in which event the Claims Administrator shall promptly mail or email the Notice Packet to such beneficial owners. Upon full compliance with this Order, such nominees may seek reimbursement of their reasonable expenses actually incurred in complying with this Order by providing the Claims Administrator with proper documentation supporting the expenses for which reimbursement is sought. Such properly documented expenses incurred by nominees in compliance with the terms of this Order shall be paid from the Settlement Fund, with any disputes as to the reasonableness or documentation of expenses incurred subject to review by the Court.

10. **CAFA Notice** – As provided in the Stipulation, Defendants shall serve the notice required under the Class Action Fairness Act, 28 U.S.C. § 1715 *et seq.* (“CAFA”) no later than ten (10) calendar days following the filing of the Stipulation with the Court. Defendants are solely responsible for the costs of the CAFA notice and administering the CAFA notice. No later than seven (7) calendar days before the Settlement Hearing, Defendants shall cause to be served on Lead Counsel and filed with the Court proof, by affidavit or declaration, regarding compliance with 28 U.S.C. § 1715(b).

11. **Participation in the Settlement** – Settlement Class Members who wish to participate in the Settlement and to be eligible to receive a distribution from the Net Settlement Fund must complete and submit a Claim Form in accordance with the instructions contained therein. Unless the Court orders otherwise, all Claim Forms must be postmarked no later than ninety (90) calendar days after the Notice Date. Notwithstanding the foregoing, Lead Counsel

may, at its discretion, accept for processing late Claims provided such acceptance does not delay the distribution of the Net Settlement Fund to the Settlement Class. By submitting a Claim, a person or entity shall be deemed to have submitted to the jurisdiction of the Court with respect to his, her, or its Claim and the subject matter of the Settlement.

12. In order to be entitled to participate in the recovery from the Net Settlement Fund after the Effective Date, each Claim Form submitted must satisfy the following conditions: (a) it must be properly completed, signed, and submitted in a timely manner in accordance with the provisions of the preceding paragraph; (b) it must be accompanied by adequate supporting documentation for the transactions and holdings reported therein, in the form of broker confirmation slips, broker account statements, an authorized statement from the broker containing the transactional and holding information found in a broker confirmation slip or account statement, or such other documentation as is deemed adequate by Lead Counsel or the Claims Administrator; (c) if the person executing the Claim Form is acting in a representative capacity, a certification of his, her, or its current authority to act on behalf of the Settlement Class Member must be included in the Claim Form to the satisfaction of Lead Counsel or the Claims Administrator; and (d) the Claim Form must be complete and contain no material deletions or modifications of any of the printed matter contained therein and must be signed under penalty of perjury.

13. Any Settlement Class Member that does not timely and validly submit a Claim Form or whose Claim is not otherwise approved by the Court: (a) shall be deemed to have waived his, her, or its right to share in the Net Settlement Fund; (b) shall be forever barred from participating in any distributions therefrom; (c) shall be bound by the provisions of the Stipulation and the Settlement and all proceedings, determinations, orders, and judgments in the Action relating thereto, including, without limitation, the Judgment and the Releases provided for therein,

whether favorable or unfavorable to the Settlement Class; and (d) will be barred from commencing, maintaining, or prosecuting any of the Released Plaintiffs' Claims against each and all of the Defendants' Releasees, as more fully described in the Stipulation and Notice. Notwithstanding the foregoing, late Claim Forms may be accepted for processing as set forth in paragraph 11 above.

14. **Exclusion From the Settlement Class** – All Settlement Class Members shall be bound by all determinations and judgments in this Action, whether favorable or unfavorable, unless such persons or entities request to be excluded, or “opt out,” from the Settlement Class. Any member of the Settlement Class who wishes to exclude himself, herself, or itself from the Settlement Class must request exclusion in writing within the time and in the manner set forth in the Notice, which shall provide that: (a) any such request for exclusion from the Settlement Class must be mailed or delivered such that it is received no later than twenty-one (21) calendar days prior to the Settlement Hearing, to: *Centene Securities Litigation, EXCLUSIONS*, c/o JND Legal Administration, P.O. Box. 91364, Seattle, WA 98111, and (b) each request for exclusion must (i) state the name, address, and telephone number of the person or entity requesting exclusion, and in the case of entities, the name and telephone number of the appropriate contact person; (ii) state that such person or entity “requests exclusion from the Settlement Class in *Sanchez v. Centene Corp.*, Case No. 4:17-cv-00806-AGF (E.D. Mo.)”; (iii) state the number of Centene common shares that the person or entity requesting exclusion (A) owned as of the opening of trading on May 24, 2016 and (B) purchased/acquired and/or sold during the Class Period, as well as the dates and prices of each such purchase/acquisition and sale; and (iv) be signed by the person or entity requesting exclusion or an authorized representative. A request for exclusion shall not be effective unless it provides all the required information and is received within the time stated above, or is otherwise accepted by the Court.

15. Any person or entity who or which timely and validly requests exclusion in compliance with the terms stated in this Order and is excluded from the Settlement Class shall not be a Settlement Class Member, shall not be bound by the terms of the Settlement or any orders or judgments in the Action, and shall not receive any payment out of the Net Settlement Fund.

16. Any Settlement Class Member who or which does not timely and validly request exclusion from the Settlement Class in the manner stated in this Order: (a) shall be deemed to have waived his, her, or its right to be excluded from the Settlement Class; (b) shall be forever barred from requesting exclusion from the Settlement Class in this or any other proceeding; (c) shall be bound by the provisions of the Stipulation and Settlement and all proceedings, determinations, orders, and judgments in the Action, including, but not limited to, the Judgment and the Releases provided for therein, whether favorable or unfavorable to the Settlement Class; and (d) will be barred from commencing, maintaining, or prosecuting any of the Released Plaintiffs' Claims against any of the Defendants' Releasees, as more fully described in the Stipulation and Notice.

17. **Appearance and Objections at Settlement Hearing** – Any Settlement Class Member who or which does not request exclusion from the Settlement Class may enter an appearance in the Action, at his, her, or its own expense, individually or through counsel of his, her, or its own choice, by filing with the Clerk of Court and delivering a notice of appearance to both Lead Counsel and Defendants' Counsel, at the addresses set forth in paragraph 18 below, such that it is received no later than twenty-one (21) calendar days prior to the Settlement Hearing, or as the Court may otherwise direct. Any Settlement Class Member who does not enter an appearance will be represented by Lead Counsel.

18. Any Settlement Class Member who or which does not request exclusion from the Settlement Class may file a written objection to the proposed Settlement, the proposed Plan of

Allocation, and/or Lead Counsel's motion for attorneys' fees and Litigation Expenses and appear and show cause, if he, she, or it has any cause, why the proposed Settlement, the proposed Plan of Allocation, and/or Lead Counsel's motion for attorneys' fees and Litigation Expenses should not be approved; *provided, however*, that no Settlement Class Member shall be heard or entitled to contest the approval of the terms and conditions of the proposed Settlement, the proposed Plan of Allocation, and/or the motion for attorneys' fees and Litigation Expenses unless that person or entity has filed a written objection with the Court and served copies of such objection on Lead Counsel and Defendants' Counsel at the addresses set forth below such that they are received no later than twenty-one (21) calendar days prior to the Settlement Hearing.

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19. Any objections, filings, and other submissions by the objecting Settlement Class Member must: (a) state the name, address, and telephone number of the person or entity objecting and must be signed by the objector; (b) state with specificity the grounds for the Settlement Class Member's objection, including any legal and evidentiary support the Settlement Class Member wishes to bring to the Court's attention and whether the objection applies only to the objector, to a specific subset of the Settlement Class, or to the entire Settlement Class; and (c) include documents sufficient to prove membership in the Settlement Class, including documents showing the number of shares of Centene common stock that the objecting Settlement Class Member (i) owned as of the opening of trading on May 24, 2016 and (ii) purchased/acquired and/or sold during the Class Period, as well as the dates and prices of each such purchase/acquisition and sale. Documentation establishing membership in the Settlement Class must consist of copies of

brokerage confirmation slips or monthly brokerage account statements, or an authorized statement from the objector's broker containing the transactional and holding information found in a broker confirmation slip or account statement. Objectors who enter an appearance and desire to present evidence at the Settlement Hearing in support of their objection must include in their written objection or notice of appearance the identity of any witnesses they may call to testify and any exhibits they intend to introduce into evidence at the hearing.

20. Any Settlement Class Member who or which does not make his, her, or its objection in the manner provided herein shall be deemed to have waived his, her, or its right to object to any aspect of the proposed Settlement, the proposed Plan of Allocation, and Lead Counsel's motion for an award of attorneys' fees and Litigation Expenses and shall be forever barred and foreclosed from objecting to the fairness, reasonableness, or adequacy of the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, or the requested attorneys' fees and Litigation Expenses, or from otherwise being heard concerning the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, or the requested attorneys' fees and Litigation Expenses in this or any other proceeding. Settlement Class Members do not need to appear at the Settlement Hearing or take any other action to indicate their approval of the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, or the application for attorneys' fees and Litigation Expenses.

21. **Stay and Temporary Injunction** – Until otherwise ordered by the Court, the Court stays all proceedings in the Action other than proceedings necessary to carry out or enforce the terms and conditions of the Stipulation. Pending final determination of whether the Settlement should be approved, the Court bars and enjoins Lead Plaintiff and all other members of the Settlement Class from commencing or prosecuting, directly or indirectly, any and all of the Released Plaintiffs' Claims against each and all of the Defendants' Releasees.

22. **Settlement Administration Fees and Expenses** – All reasonable costs incurred in identifying Settlement Class Members and notifying them of the Settlement as well as in administering the Settlement shall be paid as set forth in the Stipulation without further order of the Court.

23. **Settlement Fund** – The contents of the Settlement Fund held by Huntington National Bank (which the Court approves as the Escrow Agent) shall be deemed and considered to be *in custodia legis* of the Court, and shall remain subject to the jurisdiction of the Court, until such time as they shall be distributed pursuant to the Stipulation and/or further order(s) of the Court.

24. **Taxes** – Lead Counsel is authorized and directed to prepare any tax returns and any other tax reporting form for, or in respect to, the Settlement Fund, to pay from the Settlement Fund any Taxes owed with respect to the Settlement Fund, and to otherwise perform all obligations with respect to Taxes and any reporting or filings in respect thereof without further order of the Court in a manner consistent with the provisions of the Stipulation.

25. **Plan of Allocation and Motion for Attorneys' Fees and Litigation Expenses** – Defendants' Releasees shall have no responsibility or liability for (i) the Plan of Allocation, (ii) any actions of the Escrow Agent, (iii) any distributions from the Net Settlement Fund, or (iv) any application for attorneys' fees or Litigation Expenses submitted by Lead Counsel or Lead Plaintiff. The Court will consider the Plan of Allocation and any applications for attorneys' fees or Litigation Expenses separately from the fairness, reasonableness, and adequacy of the Settlement. Any order or proceeding relating to the Plan of Allocation or any application for attorneys' fees or expenses, or any appeal from any order relating thereto or reversal or modification thereof, shall not operate to terminate or cancel the Stipulation, or affect or delay the finality of the Judgment approving the

Stipulation and the settlement of the Action and Releases. At or after the Settlement Hearing, the Court shall determine whether the Plan of Allocation proposed by Lead Counsel and any application for attorneys' fees or payment of expenses shall be approved.

26. **Termination of Settlement** – If the Settlement is terminated as provided in the Stipulation, the Settlement is not approved, or the Effective Date of the Settlement otherwise fails to occur, this Order shall be vacated, rendered null and void, and be of no further force and effect, except as otherwise provided by the Stipulation, and this Order shall be without prejudice to the rights of Lead Plaintiff, the other Settlement Class Members, and Defendants, and the Parties shall revert to their respective positions in the Action immediately prior to the execution of the Stipulation.

27. **Use of this Order** – Neither this Order, the Stipulation (whether or not consummated), including the exhibits thereto and the Plan of Allocation contained therein (or any other plan of allocation that may be approved by the Court), the negotiations leading to the execution of the Stipulation, nor any proceedings taken pursuant to or in connection with the Stipulation and/or approval of the Settlement (including any arguments proffered in connection therewith): (a) shall be offered against any of the Defendants' Releasees as evidence of, or construed as, or deemed to be evidence of any presumption, concession, or admission by any of the Defendants' Releasees with respect to the truth of any fact alleged by Lead Plaintiff or the validity of any claim that was or could have been asserted or the deficiency of any defense that has been or could have been asserted in this Action or in any other litigation, or of any liability, negligence, fault, or other wrongdoing of any kind of any of the Defendants' Releasees or in any way referred to for any other reason as against any of the Defendants' Releasees, in any arbitration proceeding or other civil, criminal, or administrative action or proceeding, other than such

proceedings as may be necessary to effectuate the provisions of the Stipulation; (b) shall be offered against any of the Plaintiffs' Releasees, as evidence of, or construed as, or deemed to be evidence of any presumption, concession, or admission by any of the Plaintiffs' Releasees that any of their claims are without merit, that any of the Defendants' Releasees had meritorious defenses, or that damages recoverable under the Complaint would not have exceeded the Settlement Amount or with respect to any liability, negligence, fault, or wrongdoing of any kind, or in any way referred to for any other reason as against any of the Plaintiffs' Releasees, in any arbitration proceeding or other civil, criminal, or administrative action or proceeding, other than such proceedings as may be necessary to effectuate the provisions of the Stipulation; or (c) shall be construed against any of the Releasees as an admission, concession, or presumption that the consideration to be given under the Settlement represents the amount which could be or would have been recovered after trial; *provided, however*, that if the Stipulation is approved by the Court, the Parties and the Releasees and their respective counsel may refer to it to effectuate the protections from liability granted thereunder or otherwise to enforce the terms of the Settlement.

28. **Supporting Papers** – Lead Counsel shall file and serve the opening papers in support of the proposed Settlement, the proposed Plan of Allocation, and Lead Counsel's motion for attorneys' fees and Litigation Expenses no later than thirty-five (35) calendar days prior to the Settlement Hearing; and reply papers, if any, shall be filed and served no later than seven (7) calendar days prior to the Settlement Hearing.

29. The Court's orders entered during this Action relating to the confidentiality of information shall survive this Settlement.

SO ORDERED this _____ day of _____, 2020.

The Honorable Audrey G. Fleissig
United States District Judge

Exhibit A-1

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
EASTERN DIVISION

ISRAEL SANCHEZ, Individually and On
Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

CENTENE CORP., MICHAEL F.
NEIDORFF, and JEFFREY A.
SCHWANEKE,

Defendants.

Case No. 4:17-cv-00806-AGF

**NOTICE OF (I) PENDENCY OF CLASS ACTION AND PROPOSED
SETTLEMENT; (II) SETTLEMENT FAIRNESS HEARING; AND
(III) MOTION FOR ATTORNEYS' FEES AND LITIGATION EXPENSES**

A Federal Court authorized this Notice. This is not a solicitation from a lawyer.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF CLASS ACTION: Please be advised that your rights may be affected by the above-captioned securities class action (the “Action”) pending in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri (the “Court”), if you purchased or otherwise acquired common stock of Centene Corporation (“Centene”) during the period from May 24, 2016 through July 25, 2016, inclusive (the “Class Period”), and were damaged thereby.¹

NOTICE OF SETTLEMENT: Please also be advised that the Court-appointed Lead Plaintiff, Louisiana Sheriffs’ Pension & Relief Fund, on behalf of itself and the Settlement Class (as defined in ¶ 20 below), has reached a proposed settlement of the Action for \$7,500,000 in cash.

PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY. This Notice explains important rights you may have, including the possible receipt of a payment from the Settlement. If you are a member of the Settlement Class, your legal rights will be affected whether or not you act.

If you have any questions about this Notice, the proposed Settlement, or your eligibility to participate in the Settlement, please DO NOT contact the Court, Centene, the other

¹ All capitalized terms used in this Notice that are not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement dated March 5, 2020 (the “Stipulation”). The Stipulation is available at www.CenteneSecuritiesLitigation.com.

Defendants in the Action, or their counsel. All questions should be directed to Lead Counsel or the Claims Administrator (see ¶ 85 below).

1. **Description of the Action and the Settlement Class:** This Notice relates to a proposed settlement of claims in a pending securities class action brought by investors alleging, among other things, that Centene and certain of its officers, Michael F. Neidorff and Jeffrey A. Schwaneke (collectively, the “Individual Defendants,” and, together with Centene, “Defendants”) violated the federal securities laws by making false and misleading statements concerning Centene’s merger with Health Net, Inc. (“Health Net”). A more detailed description of the Action is set forth in ¶¶ 11-19 below. The proposed Settlement, if approved by the Court, will settle claims of the Settlement Class, as defined in ¶ 20 below.

2. **Statement of the Settlement Class’s Recovery:** Subject to Court approval, Lead Plaintiff, on behalf of itself and the Settlement Class, has agreed to settle the Action in exchange for \$7,500,000 in cash (the “Settlement Amount”) to be deposited into an escrow account. The Net Settlement Fund (*i.e.*, the Settlement Amount plus any and all interest earned thereon (the “Settlement Fund”) less (i) any Taxes; (ii) any Notice and Administration Costs; (iii) any Litigation Expenses awarded by the Court; (iv) any attorneys’ fees awarded by the Court; and (v) any other costs or fees approved by the Court) will be distributed in accordance with a plan of allocation that is approved by the Court. The proposed plan of allocation (the “Plan of Allocation”) is set forth in ¶¶ 49-67 below. The Plan of Allocation will determine how the Net Settlement Fund shall be allocated among members of the Settlement Class.

3. **Estimate of Average Amount of Recovery Per Share:** Based on Lead Plaintiff’s damages expert’s estimate of the number of shares of Centene common stock purchased during the Class Period that may have been affected by the conduct at issue in the Action, and assuming that all Settlement Class Members elect to participate in the Settlement, the estimated average recovery (before the deduction of any Court-approved fees, expenses, and costs as described herein) is \$0.55 per affected share. Settlement Class Members should note, however, that the foregoing average recovery is only an estimate. Some Settlement Class Members may recover more or less than the estimated amount depending on, among other factors, when and at what prices they purchased or sold their shares, and the total number and value of valid Claim Forms submitted. Distributions to Settlement Class Members will be made based on the Plan of Allocation set forth herein (*see* ¶¶ 49-67 below) or such other plan of allocation as may be ordered by the Court.

4. **Average Amount of Damages Per Share:** The Parties do not agree on the average amount of damages per share of Centene common stock that would be recoverable if Lead Plaintiff were to prevail in the Action. Among other things, Defendants vigorously deny the assertion that they violated the federal securities laws or that any damages were suffered by any members of the Settlement Class as a result of their alleged conduct.

5. **Attorneys’ Fees and Expenses Sought:** Plaintiffs’ Counsel, which have been prosecuting the Action on a wholly contingent basis, have not received any payment of attorneys’ fees for their representation of the Settlement Class and have advanced the funds to

pay expenses necessarily incurred to prosecute this Action.² Lead Counsel will apply to the Court for an award of attorneys’ fees for all Plaintiffs’ Counsel in an amount not to exceed 25% of the Settlement Fund. In addition, Lead Counsel will apply for payment of Litigation Expenses paid or incurred by Plaintiffs’ Counsel in connection with the institution, prosecution, and resolution of the Action in an amount not to exceed \$200,000, which may include an application for payment of the reasonable costs and expenses incurred by Lead Plaintiff directly related to its representation of the Settlement Class, pursuant to the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (“PSLRA”), 15 U.S.C. § 78(a)(4). Any fees and expenses awarded by the Court will be paid from the Settlement Fund. Settlement Class Members are not personally liable for any such fees or expenses. The estimated average cost for such fees and expenses, if the Court approves Lead Counsel’s fee and expense application, is \$0.15 per affected share.

6. **Identification of Attorneys’ Representatives:** Lead Plaintiff and the Settlement Class are represented by Jonathan D. Uslaner of Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP, 2121 Avenue of the Stars, Suite 2575, Los Angeles, CA 90067, 1-800-380-8496, settlements@blbglaw.com.

7. **Reasons for the Settlement:** Lead Plaintiff’s principal reason for entering into the Settlement is the substantial and certain recovery for the Settlement Class without the risk or the delays inherent in further litigation. Moreover, the substantial recovery provided under the Settlement must be considered against the significant risk that a smaller recovery—or indeed no recovery at all—might be achieved after contested motions, a trial of the Action, and the likely appeals that would follow a trial. This process could be expected to last several years. Defendants, who deny all allegations of wrongdoing, are entering into the Settlement solely to eliminate the uncertainty, burden, and expense of further protracted litigation.

YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS AND OPTIONS IN THE SETTLEMENT:	
SUBMIT A CLAIM FORM POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN _____, 2020.	This is the only way to be eligible to receive a payment from the Settlement Fund. If you are a Settlement Class Member and you remain in the Settlement Class, you will be bound by the Settlement as approved by the Court and you will give up any Released Plaintiffs’ Claims (defined in ¶ 31 below) that you have against Defendants and the other Defendants’ Releasees (defined in ¶ 32 below), so it is in your interest to submit a Claim Form.

² Plaintiffs’ Counsel include Court-appointed Lead Counsel, Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP (“Lead Counsel”), (ii) additional counsel for Lead Plaintiff, Klausner, Kaufman, Jensen & Levinson; and (iii) liaison counsel, Cuneo Gilbert & Laduca.

<p>EXCLUDE YOURSELF FROM THE SETTLEMENT CLASS BY SUBMITTING A WRITTEN REQUEST FOR EXCLUSION SO THAT IT IS <i>RECEIVED</i> NO LATER THAN _____, 2020.</p>	<p>If you exclude yourself from the Settlement Class, you will not be eligible to receive any payment from the Settlement Fund. This is the only option that allows you ever to be part of any other lawsuit against any of the Defendants or the other Defendants’ Releasees concerning the Released Plaintiffs’ Claims.</p>
<p>OBJECT TO THE SETTLEMENT BY SUBMITTING A WRITTEN OBJECTION SO THAT IT IS <i>RECEIVED</i> NO LATER THAN _____, 2020.</p>	<p>If you do not like the proposed Settlement, the proposed Plan of Allocation, or the request for attorneys’ fees and Litigation Expenses, you may write to the Court and explain why you do not like them. You cannot object to the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, or the fee and expense request unless you are a Settlement Class Member and do not exclude yourself from the Settlement Class.</p>
<p>GO TO A HEARING ON _____, 2020 AT ____:____.M., AND FILE A NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPEAR SO THAT IT IS <i>RECEIVED</i> NO LATER THAN _____, 2020.</p>	<p>Filing a written objection and notice of intention to appear by _____, 2020 allows you to speak in Court, at the discretion of the Court, about the fairness of the proposed Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, and/or the request for attorneys’ fees and Litigation Expenses. If you submit a written objection, you may (but you do not have to) attend the hearing and, at the discretion of the Court, speak to the Court about your objection.</p>
<p>DO NOTHING.</p>	<p>If you are a member of the Settlement Class and you do not submit a valid Claim Form or request for exclusion, you will not be eligible to receive any payment from the Settlement Fund. You will, however, remain a member of the Settlement Class, which means that you give up your right to sue about the claims that are resolved by the Settlement and you will be bound by any judgments or orders entered by the Court in the Action.</p>

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WHY DID I GET THIS NOTICE?

8. The Court directed that this Notice be mailed to you because you or someone in your family or an investment account for which you serve as a custodian may have purchased or otherwise acquired Centene common stock during the Class Period. The Court has directed us to send you this Notice because, as a potential Settlement Class Member, you have a right to know about your options before the Court rules on the proposed Settlement. Additionally, you have the right to understand how this class action lawsuit may generally affect your legal rights. If the Court approves the Settlement and the Plan of Allocation (or some other plan of allocation), the Claims Administrator selected by Lead Plaintiff and approved by the Court will make payments pursuant to the Settlement after any objections and appeals are resolved.

9. The purpose of this Notice is to inform you of the existence of this case, that it is a class action, how you might be affected, and how to exclude yourself from the Settlement Class if you wish to do so. It is also being sent to inform you of the terms of the proposed Settlement and of a hearing to be held by the Court to consider the fairness, reasonableness, and adequacy of the Settlement, the proposed Plan of Allocation, and the motion by Lead Counsel for an award of attorneys' fees and payment of Litigation Expenses (the "Settlement Hearing"). See ¶¶ 73-74 below for details about the Settlement Hearing, including the date and location of the hearing.

10. The issuance of this Notice is not an expression of any opinion by the Court concerning the merits of any claim in the Action, and the Court still has to decide whether to approve the Settlement. If the Court approves the Settlement and a plan of allocation, then payments to Authorized Claimants will be made after any appeals are resolved and after the completion of all claims processing. Please be patient, as this process can take some time to complete.

WHAT IS THIS CASE ABOUT?

11. Centene is a health insurance company that, during the Class Period, sold health insurance in several states in the United States. The Company's common stock trades on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "CNC" In July 2015, Centene announced its intention to acquire Health Net, another publicly-traded health insurance company, and completed that acquisition in March 2016. Lead Plaintiff alleges that Defendants made false and misleading statements during the Class Period regarding Centene's merger with Health Net, including substantially understating Health Net's liabilities at the time of the merger.

12. In November 2016, a class action complaint was filed in the United States District Court for the Central District of California, styled *Sanchez v. Centene Corp.* Defendants moved to transfer the Action to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri (the “Court”) in January 2017, and Central District of California granted the motion to transfer in March 2017.

13. In May 2017, the Court appointed Louisiana Sheriffs’ Pension & Relief Fund as Lead Plaintiff for the Action; and approved Lead Plaintiff’s selection of Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP as Lead Counsel for the class.

14. In July 2017, Lead Plaintiff filed and served the Consolidated Class Action Complaint (the “Complaint”) asserting claims against all Defendants under Section 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange Act”) and Rule 10b-5 promulgated thereunder, and against the Individual Defendants under Section 20(a) of the Exchange Act.

15. In September 2017, Defendants served and filed a motion to dismiss the Complaint. The Parties fully briefed the motion and the Court held oral argument on the motion in February 2018. In August 2019, the Court issued a Memorandum Opinion and Order granting in part and denying in part Defendants’ motion to dismiss the Complaint. In September 2019, Defendants filed and served their Answer to the Complaint.

16. Discovery in the Action commenced in September 2019. Defendants served Lead Plaintiff with 39 document requests. Lead Plaintiffs served Defendants with 49 document requests. Lead Plaintiff and Defendants also served 16 subpoenas to third parties. Defendants produced Centene’s board of director materials.

17. In late 2019, the Parties agreed to engage in private mediation in an attempt to resolve the Action and further agreed to the appointment of Michelle Yoshida of Phillips ADR to act as mediator. A mediation session before Ms. Yoshida was held on January 29, 2020. At the conclusion of the mediation session, the Parties accepted Ms. Yoshida’s mediator’s recommendation to settle the Action and release all claims against Defendants and Defendants’ Releasees in return for a cash payment by or on behalf of Defendants of \$7,500,000 for the benefit of the Settlement Class.

18. On March 5, 2020, the Parties entered into the Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement, which sets forth the terms and conditions of the Settlement. The Stipulation is available at www.CenteneSecuritiesLitigation.com.

19. On _____, 2020, the Court preliminarily approved the Settlement, authorized this Notice to be disseminated to potential Settlement Class Members, and scheduled the Settlement Hearing to consider whether to grant final approval to the Settlement.

**HOW DO I KNOW IF I AM AFFECTED BY THE SETTLEMENT?
WHO IS INCLUDED IN THE SETTLEMENT CLASS?**

20. If you are a member of the Settlement Class, you are subject to the Settlement, unless you timely request to be excluded. The Settlement Class consists of:

all persons and entities who purchased the common stock of Centene during the period from May 24, 2016 through July 25, 2016, inclusive (the “Class Period”) and who were damaged thereby

Excluded from the Settlement Class are: are (i) Defendants; (ii) members of the Immediate Family of each Individual Defendant; (iii) any person who was an Officer or director of Centene; (iv) any firm or entity in which any Defendant has or had a controlling interest; (v) any person who participated in the wrongdoing alleged; (vi) Defendants' liability insurance carriers; (vii) any affiliates, parents, or subsidiaries of Centene; (viii) all Centene plans that are covered by the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 ("ERISA"); and (ix) the legal representatives, agents, affiliates, heirs, beneficiaries, successors-in-interest, or assigns of any excluded person or entity, in their respective capacity as such. Also excluded from the Settlement Class are any persons or entities who or which exclude themselves by submitting a request for exclusion in accordance with the requirements set forth in this Notice. See "What If I Do Not Want To Be A Member Of The Settlement Class? How Do I Exclude Myself?" on page ___ below.

PLEASE NOTE: Receipt of this Notice does not mean that you are a Settlement Class Member or that you will be entitled to a payment from the Settlement.

If you are a Settlement Class Member and you wish to be eligible to receive a payment from the Settlement, you are required to submit the Claim Form that is being distributed with this Notice and the required supporting documentation as set forth therein postmarked no later than _____, 2020.

WHAT ARE LEAD PLAINTIFF'S REASONS FOR THE SETTLEMENT?

21. Lead Plaintiff and Lead Counsel believe that the claims asserted against Defendants have merit. They recognize, however, the expense and length of continued proceedings necessary to pursue their claims against Defendants through summary judgment, trial, and appeals, as well as the very substantial risks they would face in establishing liability and damages. For example, those risks include challenges in establishing that Defendants' statements about the Health Net merger were false or misleading and that the Individual Defendants knew that the statements were false or were reckless in making them. Defendants have contended—and would have contended at summary judgment or trial—that their statements were neither false nor misleading and not made with intent to mislead.

22. Lead Plaintiff also faced risks relating to loss causation and damages. Defendants would have contended at summary judgment and trial, that Lead Plaintiff could not establish a causal connection between the alleged misrepresentations and the losses investors allegedly suffered, as required by law.

23. In light of these risks, the amount of the Settlement, and the immediacy of recovery to the Settlement Class, Lead Plaintiff and Lead Counsel believe that the proposed Settlement is fair, reasonable, and adequate, and in the best interests of the Settlement Class. Lead Plaintiff and Lead Counsel believe that the Settlement provides a substantial benefit to the Settlement Class, namely \$7,500,000 in cash (less the various deductions described in this Notice), as compared to the risk that the claims in the Action would produce a smaller recovery, or no recovery, after summary judgment, trial, and appeals, possibly years in the future.

24. Defendants have vigorously denied and continue to deny each and all of the claims asserted against them in the Action and deny that the Settlement Class was harmed or suffered

any damages as a result of the conduct alleged in the Action. Defendants expressly have denied and continue to deny all charges of wrongdoing or liability against them arising out of any of the conduct, statements, acts or omissions alleged, or that could have been alleged, in the Action. Defendants have agreed to the Settlement solely to eliminate the burden and expense of continued litigation. Accordingly, the Settlement may not be construed as an admission of any wrongdoing by Defendants.

WHAT MIGHT HAPPEN IF THERE WERE NO SETTLEMENT?

25. If there were no Settlement and Lead Plaintiff failed to establish any essential legal or factual element of its claims against Defendants, neither Lead Plaintiff nor the other members of the Settlement Class would recover anything from Defendants. Also, if Defendants were successful in proving any of their defenses, either at summary judgment, at trial, or on appeal, the Settlement Class could recover substantially less than the amount provided in the Settlement, or nothing at all.

HOW ARE SETTLEMENT CLASS MEMBERS AFFECTED BY THE ACTION AND THE SETTLEMENT?

26. As a Settlement Class Member, you are represented by Lead Plaintiff and Lead Counsel, unless you enter an appearance through counsel of your own choice at your own expense. You are not required to retain your own counsel, but if you choose to do so, such counsel must file a notice of appearance on your behalf and must serve copies of his or her appearance on the attorneys listed in the section entitled, “When And Where Will The Court Decide Whether To Approve The Settlement?,” below.

27. If you are a Settlement Class Member and do not wish to remain a Settlement Class Member, you may exclude yourself from the Settlement Class by following the instructions in the section entitled, “What If I Do Not Want To Be A Member Of The Settlement Class? How Do I Exclude Myself?,” below.

28. If you are a Settlement Class Member and you wish to object to the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, or Lead Counsel’s application for attorneys’ fees and Litigation Expenses, and if you do not exclude yourself from the Settlement Class, you may present your objections by following the instructions in the section entitled, “When And Where Will The Court Decide Whether To Approve The Settlement?,” below.

29. If you are a Settlement Class Member and you do not exclude yourself from the Settlement Class, you will be bound by any orders issued by the Court. If the Settlement is approved, the Court will enter a judgment (the “Judgment”). The Judgment will dismiss with prejudice the claims against Defendants and will provide that, upon the Effective Date of the Settlement, Lead Plaintiff and each of the other Settlement Class Members, on behalf of themselves, and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, predecessors, successors, and assigns, in their capacities as such, will have fully, finally, and forever compromised, settled, released, resolved, relinquished, waived, and discharged each and every Released Plaintiffs’ Claim (as defined in ¶ 31 below) against Defendants and all of the Defendants’ Releasees (as defined in ¶ 32 below), and will forever be barred and enjoined from bringing, asserting, or

prosecuting any or all of the Released Plaintiffs' Claims against any of the Defendants' Releasees.

30. Any Plan of Allocation, request for an award of attorneys' fees and expenses, or an award to Lead Plaintiff pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 78(a)(4) in connection with their representation of the Settlement Class, will in no way disturb or affect the Judgment and are each considered separate from the Judgment. Any order or proceeding relating to the Plan of Allocation, any order entered regarding any award of attorneys' fees and expenses or award to Lead Plaintiffs, or any appeal from any order relating thereto or reversal or modification thereof, shall not effect or delay the finality of the Judgment.

31. "Released Plaintiffs' Claims" means, to the fullest extent that the law permits their release, all claims, suits, actions, appeals, causes of action, damages (including, without limitation, compensatory, punitive, exemplary, rescissory, direct, consequential, or special damages, and restitution and disgorgement), demands, rights, debts, penalties, costs, expenses, fees, injunctive relief, attorneys' fees, expert or consulting fees, prejudgment interest, indemnities, duties, liabilities, losses, or obligations of every nature and description whatsoever, whether known or unknown, whether or not concealed or hidden, fixed or contingent, direct or indirect, anticipated or unanticipated, whether legal, contractual, rescissory, statutory, or equitable in nature, whether arising under federal, state, common, or foreign law, that Lead Plaintiff or any member of the Settlement Class asserted or could have asserted in any forum that are based upon, arise from, or relate to: (i) the allegations, transactions, facts, matters, events, disclosures, public filings, acts, occurrences, representations, statements, omissions or failures to act that were alleged in the Complaint or any other filing in this Action; and (ii) the purchase of Centene common stock during the Class Period. For the avoidance of doubt, this release does not release or impair (i) any claims asserted in any ERISA or derivative action, including without limitation the claims asserted in *Carpenters Pension Fund of Illinois, et al. v. Neidorff, et al.*, Case No. 4:18-cv-00113-CDP, or any cases consolidated into that action; (ii) any claims by any governmental entity that arise out of any governmental investigation of Defendants relating to the conduct alleged in the Action; or (iii) any claims relating to the enforcement of the Settlement. "Released Plaintiffs' Claims" include "Unknown Claims," as defined below in ¶ 33.

32. "Defendants' Releasees" means Defendants and their current and former parents, affiliates, subsidiaries, controlling persons, associates, related or affiliated entities, and each and all of their respective past or present officers, directors, employees, partners, members, principals, agents, representatives, attorneys, financial or investment advisors, consultants, underwriters, investment bankers, commercial bankers, advisors, insurers, reinsurers, heirs, spouses, executors, trustees, general or limited partners or partnerships, limited liability companies, members, joint ventures, personal or legal representatives, estates, administrators, predecessors, successors or assigns, or any member of their Immediate Family, marital communities, or any trusts for which any of them are trustees, settlors or beneficiaries or anyone acting or purporting to act for or on behalf of them or their successors or collectively.

33. "Unknown Claims" means any Released Plaintiffs' Claims which Lead Plaintiff or any other Settlement Class Member does not know or suspect to exist in his, her, or its favor at the time of the release of such claims, and any Released Defendants' Claims which any Defendant does not know or suspect to exist in his or its favor at the time of the release of such claims, which, if known by him, her, or it, might have affected his, her, or its decision(s) with respect to this Settlement. With respect to any and all Released Claims, the Parties stipulate and agree that,

upon the Effective Date of the Settlement, Lead Plaintiff and Defendants shall expressly waive, and each of the other Settlement Class Members shall be deemed to have waived, and by operation of the Judgment shall have expressly waived, any and all provisions, rights, and benefits conferred by any law of any state or territory of the United States, or principle of common law or foreign law, which is similar, comparable, or equivalent to California Civil Code §1542, which provides:

A general release does not extend to claims that the creditor or releasing party does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release and that, if known by him or her, would have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor or released party.

Lead Plaintiff, any Settlement Class Member, or any Defendant may hereafter discover facts, legal theories, or authorities in addition to or different from those which any of them now knows or believes to be true with respect to the subject matter of the Released Plaintiffs' Claims and the Released Defendants' Claims, but the Parties shall expressly, fully, finally, and forever waive, compromise, settle, discharge, extinguish, and release, and each Settlement Class Member shall be deemed to have waived, compromised, settled, discharged, extinguished, and released, and upon the Effective Date and by operation of the Judgment shall have waived, compromised, settled, discharged, extinguished, and released, fully, finally, and forever, any and all Released Plaintiffs' Claims and Released Defendants' Claims, as applicable, known or unknown, suspected or unsuspected, contingent or absolute, accrued or unaccrued, apparent or unapparent, which now exist, or heretofore existed, or may hereafter exist, without regard to the subsequent discovery or existence of such different or additional facts, legal theories, or authorities. Lead Plaintiff and Defendants acknowledge, and each of the other Settlement Class Members shall be deemed by operation of law to have acknowledged, that the foregoing waiver was separately bargained for and a key element of the Settlement.

34. The Judgment will also provide that, upon the Effective Date of the Settlement, Defendants, on behalf of themselves and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, predecessors, successors, and assigns, in their capacities as such, will have fully, finally, and forever compromised, settled, released, resolved, relinquished, waived, and discharged each and every Released Defendants' Claim (as defined in ¶ 35 below) against Lead Plaintiff and all of the Plaintiffs' Releasees (as defined in ¶ 36 below), and will forever be barred and enjoined from bringing, asserting, or prosecuting any or all of the Released Defendants' Claims against any of the Plaintiffs' Releasees.

35. "Released Defendants' Claims" means, to the fullest extent that the law permits their release, all claims and causes of action of every nature and description, whether known or unknown, whether arising under federal, state, common or foreign law, that arise out of or relate in any way to the institution, prosecution, or settlement of the claims against the Defendants, except for (i) claims relating to the enforcement of the Settlement or this Stipulation, or (ii) any claims against any person or entity who or which submits a request for exclusion from the Settlement Class that is accepted by the Court. "Released Defendants' Claims" include "Unknown Claims," as defined in ¶ 33 above.

36. "Plaintiffs' Releasees" means Lead Plaintiff, all other plaintiffs in the Action, and all other Settlement Class Members, and their respective current and former parents, affiliates, subsidiaries, controlling persons, associates, related or affiliated entities, and each and all of their

respective past or present officers, directors, employees, partners, members, principals, agents, representatives, attorneys, financial or investment advisors, consultants, underwriters, investment bankers, commercial bankers, advisors, insurers, reinsurers, heirs, spouses, executors, trustees, general or limited partners or partnerships, limited liability companies, members, joint ventures, personal or legal representatives, estates, administrators, predecessors, successors or assigns, or any member of their Immediate Family, marital communities, or any trusts for which any of them are trustees, settlors or beneficiaries or anyone acting or purporting to act for or on behalf of them or their successors or collectively.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE IN THE SETTLEMENT? WHAT DO I NEED TO DO?

37. To be eligible for a payment from the Settlement, you must be a member of the Settlement Class and you must timely complete and return the Claim Form with adequate supporting documentation *postmarked no later than* _____, 2020. A Claim Form is included with this Notice, or you may obtain one from the website maintained by the Claims Administrator for the Settlement, www.CenteneSecuritiesLitigation.com. You may also request that a Claim Form be mailed to you by calling the Claims Administrator toll free at 1-888-964-0670 or by emailing the Claims Administrator at info@CenteneSecuritiesLitigation.com. Please retain all records of your ownership of and transactions in Centene common stock, as they will be needed to document your Claim. The Parties and Claims Administrator do not have information about your transactions in Centene common stock.

38. If you request exclusion from the Settlement Class or do not submit a timely and valid Claim Form, you will not be eligible to share in the Net Settlement Fund.

HOW MUCH WILL MY PAYMENT BE?

39. At this time, it is not possible to make any determination as to how much any individual Settlement Class Member may receive from the Settlement.

40. Pursuant to the Settlement, Defendants have agreed to pay or caused to be paid a total of \$7,500,000 in cash (the "Settlement Amount"). The Settlement Amount will be deposited into an escrow account. The Settlement Amount plus any interest earned thereon is referred to as the "Settlement Fund." If the Settlement is approved by the Court and the Effective Date occurs, the "Net Settlement Fund" (that is, the Settlement Fund less (i) any Taxes; (ii) any Notice and Administration Costs; (iii) any Litigation Expenses awarded by the Court; (iv) any attorneys' fees awarded by the Court; and (v) any other costs or fees approved by the Court) will be distributed to Settlement Class Members who submit valid Claim Forms, in accordance with the proposed Plan of Allocation or such other plan of allocation as the Court may approve.

41. The Net Settlement Fund will not be distributed unless and until the Court has approved the Settlement and a plan of allocation, and the time for any petition for rehearing, appeal, or review, whether by certiorari or otherwise, has expired.

42. Neither Defendants nor any other person or entity that paid any portion of the Settlement Amount on their behalf are entitled to get back any portion of the Settlement Fund once the Court's order or judgment approving the Settlement becomes Final. Defendants shall not have any liability, obligation, or responsibility for the administration of the Settlement, the

disbursement of the Net Settlement Fund, any actions of the Escrow Agent, or the Plan of Allocation.

43. Approval of the Settlement is independent from approval of a plan of allocation. Any determination with respect to a plan of allocation will not affect the Settlement, if approved.

44. Unless the Court otherwise orders, any Settlement Class Member who or which fails to submit a Claim Form postmarked on or before _____, 2020 shall be fully and forever barred from receiving payments pursuant to the Settlement but will in all other respects remain a member of the Settlement Class and be subject to the provisions of the Stipulation, including the terms of any Judgment entered and the releases given. This means that each Settlement Class Member releases the Released Plaintiffs' Claims (as defined in ¶ 31 above) against the Defendants' Releasees (as defined in ¶ 32 above) and will be barred and enjoined from prosecuting any of the Released Plaintiffs' Claims against any of the Defendants' Releasees whether or not such Settlement Class Member submits a Claim Form.

45. Participants in, and beneficiaries of, any Centene employee benefit plan covered by ERISA ("ERISA Plan") should NOT include any information relating to their transactions in a Centene common stock held through the ERISA Plan in any Claim Form that they submit in this Action.

46. The Court has reserved jurisdiction to allow, disallow, or adjust on equitable grounds the Claim of any Settlement Class Member.

47. Each Claimant shall be deemed to have submitted to the jurisdiction of the Court with respect to his, her, or its Claim Form.

48. Only members of the Settlement Class will be eligible to share in the distribution of the Net Settlement Fund. Persons and entities that are excluded from the Settlement Class by definition or that exclude themselves from the Settlement Class pursuant to request will not be eligible for a payment and should not submit Claim Forms. The only security that is included in the Settlement is Centene common stock.

PROPOSED PLAN OF ALLOCATION

49. The objective of the Plan of Allocation is to equitably distribute the Net Settlement Fund to those Settlement Class Members who suffered economic losses as a proximate result of the alleged violations of the federal securities laws. The calculations made pursuant to the Plan of Allocation are not intended to be estimates of, nor indicative of, the amounts that Settlement Class Members might have been able to recover after a trial. Nor are the calculations pursuant to the Plan of Allocation intended to be estimates of the amounts that will be paid to Authorized Claimants pursuant to the Settlement. The computations under the Plan of Allocation are only a method to weigh the claims of Claimants against one another for the purposes of making *pro rata* allocations of the Net Settlement Fund.

50. In developing the Plan of Allocation, Lead Plaintiff's damages expert calculated the estimated amount of artificial inflation in the price of Centene common stock allegedly caused by Defendants' alleged false and misleading statements and material omissions. In calculating the estimated artificial inflation allegedly caused by Defendants' alleged misrepresentations and omissions, Lead Plaintiff's damages expert considered price changes in the stock in reaction to the public disclosures allegedly revealing the truth concerning Defendants' alleged

misrepresentations and material omissions, adjusting for price changes on that day that were attributable to market or industry forces.

51. For losses to be compensable damages under the federal securities laws, the disclosure of the allegedly misrepresented information must be the cause of the decline in the price of the Centene common stock. In this case, Lead Plaintiff alleges that Defendants made false statements and omitted material facts during the period from May 24, 2016 through July 25, 2016, inclusive, which had the effect of artificially inflating the price of Centene common stock. Lead Plaintiff further alleges that corrective information was released to the market on July 26, 2016 (before the opening of trading), which removed the artificial inflation from the price of the Centene common stock.

52. Recognized Loss Amounts for transactions in Centene common stock are calculated under the Plan of Allocation based primarily on the difference in the amount of alleged artificial inflation in the price of Centene common stock at the time of purchase and the time of sale or the difference between the actual purchase price and sale price. In order to have a Recognized Loss Amount, a Settlement Class Member who purchased Centene common stock during the Class Period must have held his, her, or its shares through the end of the Class Period (the close of trading on July 25, 2016).

CALCULATION OF RECOGNIZED LOSS AMOUNTS

53. Based on the formula stated below, a “Recognized Loss Amount” will be calculated for each purchase of Centene common stock during the Class Period that is listed on the Claim Form and for which adequate documentation is provided. If a Recognized Loss Amount calculates to a negative number or zero under the formula below, the Recognized Loss Amount for that transaction will be zero.

54. For each share of Centene common stock purchased during the period from May 24, 2016 through July 25, 2016, inclusive, and

- a) sold before the close of trading on July 25, 2016, the Recognized Loss Amount is zero;
- b) sold from July 26, 2016 through the close of trading on October 21, 2016, the Recognized Loss Amount is **the least of:** (i) \$6.20 per share; (ii) the purchase price per share *less* the sales price per share, or (iii) the purchase price per share *less* the average closing price per share applicable to the date of sale as found in Table A at the end of this Notice;

- c) held at the end of trading on October 21, 2016, the Recognized Loss Amount is equal to **the lesser of:** (i) \$6.20 per share; or (ii) the purchase price per share *less* \$67.00.³

55. In February 2019, Centene common stock experienced a 2-for-1 reverse stock split. The per-share values listed above in ¶ 54 and in Table A are based on the price of Centene shares in effect during the period from May 24, 2016 through October 21, 2016 (prior to the reverse stock split). In the Claim Form, Claimants should report purchase and sale prices and numbers of shares purchased, sold, or held based on the share prices and share amounts in effect at the time of those transactions or holding dates (*i.e.*, without taking the subsequent reverse stock split into account).

ADDITIONAL PROVISIONS

56. The Net Settlement Fund will be allocated among all Authorized Claimants whose Distribution Amount (defined in paragraph 63 below) is \$10.00 or greater.

57. **Calculation of Claimant’s “Recognized Claim”:** A Claimant’s “Recognized Claim” will be the sum of his, her, or its Recognized Loss Amounts as calculated above with respect to all purchases of Centene common stock during the Class Period.

58. **FIFO Matching:** If a Settlement Class Member made more than one purchase/acquisition or sale of Centene common stock during the Class Period, all purchases/acquisitions and sales will be matched on a First In, First Out (“FIFO”) basis. Class Period sales will be matched first against any holdings of Centene common stock at the beginning of the Class Period, and then against purchases/acquisitions in chronological order, beginning with the earliest purchase/acquisition made during the Class Period.

59. **“Purchase/Sale” Dates:** Purchases and sales of Centene common stock will be deemed to have occurred on the “contract” or “trade” date as opposed to the “settlement” or “payment” date. “Purchases” eligible under the Settlement and this Plan of Allocation include all purchases or other acquisitions of Centene common stock in exchange for value and are not limited to purchases made on or through a stock exchange, as long as the purchase is adequately documented. However, the receipt or grant by gift, inheritance, or operation of law of Centene common stock during the Class Period shall not be deemed a purchase or sale for the calculation of a Claimant’s Recognized Loss Amount, nor shall the receipt or grant be deemed an assignment of any claim relating to the purchase/sale of the stock unless (i) the donor or decedent purchased the Centene common stock during the Class Period; (ii) the instrument of gift or

³ Pursuant to Section 21(D)(e)(1) of the Exchange Act, “in any private action arising under this title in which the plaintiff seeks to establish damages by reference to the market price of a security, the award of damages to the plaintiff shall not exceed the difference between the purchase or sale price paid or received, as appropriate, by the plaintiff for the subject security and the mean trading price of that security during the 90-day period beginning on the date on which the information correcting the misstatement or omission that is the basis for the action is disseminated to the market.” This 90-day period is known as the “90-day look-back period.” The average (mean) closing price of Centene common stock during the 90-day look-back period from July 26, 2016 through October 21, 2016, inclusive, was \$67.00.

assignment specifically provides that it is intended to transfer such rights; and (iii) no Claim was submitted by or on behalf of the donor, on behalf of the decedent, or by anyone else with respect to those shares.

60. **Short Sales:** The date of covering a “short sale” is deemed to be the date of purchase of the Centene common stock. The date of a “short sale” is deemed to be the date of sale of the Centene common stock. In accordance with the Plan of Allocation, however, the Recognized Loss Amount on “short sales” and the purchases covering “short sales” is zero.

61. In the event that a Claimant has an opening short position in Centene common stock, the earliest purchases or acquisitions of Centene common stock during the Class Period will be matched against such opening short position, and not be entitled to a recovery, until that short position is fully covered.

62. **Shares Purchased/Sold Through the Exercise of Options:** Option contracts are not securities eligible to participate in the Settlement. With respect to shares of Centene common stock purchased or sold through the exercise of an option, the purchase/sale date of the Centene common stock is the exercise date of the option and the purchase/sale price is the exercise price of the option.

63. **Determination of Distribution Amount:** The Net Settlement Fund will be distributed to Authorized Claimants on a *pro rata* basis based on the relative size of their Recognized Claims. Specifically, a “Distribution Amount” will be calculated for each Authorized Claimant, which shall be the Authorized Claimant’s Recognized Claim divided by the total Recognized Claims of all Authorized Claimants, multiplied by the total amount in the Net Settlement Fund.

64. If an Authorized Claimant’s Distribution Amount calculates to less than \$10.00, it will not be included in the calculation and no distribution will be made to that Authorized Claimant.

65. After the initial distribution of the Net Settlement Fund, the Claims Administrator will make reasonable and diligent efforts to have Authorized Claimants cash their distribution checks. To the extent any monies remain in the Net Settlement Fund after the initial distribution, if Lead Counsel, in consultation with the Claims Administrator, determines that it is cost-effective to do so, the Claims Administrator, no less than seven (7) months after the initial distribution, will conduct a re-distribution of the funds remaining after payment of any unpaid fees and expenses incurred in administering the Settlement, including for such re-distribution, to Authorized Claimants who have cashed their initial distributions and who would receive at least \$10.00 from such re-distribution. Additional re-distributions to Authorized Claimants who have cashed their prior checks and who would receive at least \$10.00 on such additional re-distributions may occur thereafter if Lead Counsel, in consultation with the Claims Administrator, determines that additional re-distributions, after the deduction of any additional fees and expenses incurred in administering the Settlement, including for such re-distributions, would be cost-effective. At such time as it is determined that the re-distribution of funds remaining in the Net Settlement Fund is not cost-effective, the remaining balance will be contributed to non-sectarian, not-for-profit, 501(c)(3) organization(s), to be recommended by Lead Counsel and approved by the Court.

66. Payment pursuant to the Plan of Allocation, or such other plan of allocation as may be approved by the Court, will be conclusive against all Claimants. No person or entity shall have any claim against Lead Plaintiff, Lead Counsel, the Claims Administrator, or any other agent

designated by Lead Counsel, or Defendants' Releasees and/or their respective counsel, arising from distributions made substantially in accordance with the Stipulation, the plan of allocation approved by the Court, or any order of the Court. Lead Plaintiff and Defendants, and their respective counsel, and all other Releasees shall have no liability whatsoever for the investment or distribution of the Settlement Fund or the Net Settlement Fund, the plan of allocation, or the determination, administration, calculation, or payment of any claim or nonperformance of the Claims Administrator, the payment or withholding of Taxes (including interest and penalties) owed by the Settlement Fund, or any losses incurred in connection therewith

67. The Plan of Allocation set forth herein is the plan that is being proposed to the Court for its approval by Lead Plaintiff after consultation with its damages expert. The Court may approve this Plan as proposed or it may modify the Plan of Allocation without further notice to the Class. Any Orders regarding any modification of the Plan of Allocation will be posted on the case website, www.CenteneSecuritiesLitigation.com.

WHAT PAYMENT ARE THE ATTORNEYS FOR THE SETTLEMENT CLASS SEEKING? HOW WILL THE LAWYERS BE PAID?

68. Plaintiffs' Counsel have not received any payment for their services in pursuing claims against Defendants on behalf of the Settlement Class, nor have Plaintiffs' Counsel been paid for their litigation expenses. Before final approval of the Settlement, Lead Counsel will apply to the Court for an award of attorneys' fees for all Plaintiffs' Counsel in an amount not to exceed 25% of the Settlement Fund. At the same time, Lead Counsel also intends to apply for payment of Litigation Expenses paid or incurred by Plaintiffs' Counsel in an amount not to exceed \$200,000, which may include an application for the reasonable costs and expenses incurred by Lead Plaintiff directly related to its representation of the Settlement Class, pursuant to 15 U.S.C. § 78(a)(4) of the PSLRA. The Court will determine the amount of any award of attorneys' fees or Litigation Expenses. Such sums as may be approved by the Court will be paid from the Settlement Fund. Settlement Class Members are not personally liable for any such fees or expenses.

WHAT IF I DO NOT WANT TO BE A MEMBER OF THE SETTLEMENT CLASS? HOW DO I EXCLUDE MYSELF?

69. Each Settlement Class Member will be bound by all determinations and judgments in this lawsuit, whether favorable or unfavorable, unless such person or entity mails or delivers a written Request for Exclusion from the Settlement Class, addressed to *Centene Securities Litigation*, EXCLUSIONS, c/o JND Legal Administration, P.O. Box 91364, Seattle, WA 98111. The Request for Exclusion must be *received* no later than _____, 2020. You will not be able to exclude yourself from the Settlement Class after that date. Each Request for Exclusion must (i) state the name, address, and telephone number of the person or entity requesting exclusion, and in the case of entities, the name and telephone number of the appropriate contact person; (ii) state that such person or entity "requests exclusion from the Settlement Class in *Sanchez v. Centene Corp.*, Case No. 4:17-cv-00806-AGF (E.D. Mo.)"; (iii) state the number of shares of Centene common stock that the person or entity requesting exclusion (A) owned as of the opening of trading on May 24, 2016 and (B) purchased/acquired and/or sold during the Class Period (*i.e.*, from May 24, 2016 through July 25, 2016), as well as

the dates and prices of each such purchase/acquisition and sale; and (iv) be signed by the person or entity requesting exclusion or an authorized representative. A Request for Exclusion shall not be valid and effective unless it provides all the information called for in this paragraph and is received within the time stated above, or is otherwise accepted by the Court. If you exclude yourself from the Settlement Class, you should understand that Defendants and the other Defendants' Releasees will have the right to assert any and all defenses they may have to any claims that you may seek to assert, including, without limitation, the defense that any such claims are untimely under applicable statutes of limitations and statutes of repose.

70. If you do not want to be part of the Settlement Class, you must follow these instructions for exclusion even if you have pending, or later file, another lawsuit, arbitration, or other proceeding relating to any Released Plaintiffs' Claim against any of the Defendants' Releasees.

71. If you ask to be excluded from the Settlement Class, you will not be eligible to receive any payment out of the Net Settlement Fund.

72. Defendants have the right to terminate the Settlement if valid requests for exclusion are received from persons and entities entitled to be members of the Settlement Class in an amount that exceeds an amount agreed to by Lead Plaintiff and Defendants.

WHEN AND WHERE WILL THE COURT DECIDE WHETHER TO APPROVE THE SETTLEMENT? DO I HAVE TO COME TO THE HEARING? MAY I SPEAK AT THE HEARING IF I DON'T LIKE THE SETTLEMENT?

73. Settlement Class Members do not need to attend the Settlement Hearing. The Court will consider any submission made in accordance with the provisions below even if a Settlement Class Member does not attend the hearing. You can participate in the Settlement without attending the Settlement Hearing. Please Note: The date and time of the Settlement Hearing may change without further written notice to the Settlement Class. You should check the Court's docket or the Settlement website, www.CenteneSecuritiesLitigation.com, before making plans to attend the Settlement Hearing. You may also confirm the date and time of the Settlement Hearing by contacting Lead Counsel.

74. The Settlement Hearing will be held on _____, 2020 at __: __.m., before the Honorable Audrey G. Fleissig at the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri, Courtroom 12 South, Thomas F. Eagleton U.S. Courthouse, 111 South 10th Street, St. Louis, MO 63102 to determine, among other things, (i) whether the proposed Settlement on the terms and conditions provided for in the Stipulation is fair, reasonable, and adequate to the Settlement Class, and should be finally approved by the Court; (ii) whether, for purposes of the Settlement only, the Action should be certified as a class action on behalf of the Settlement Class, Lead Plaintiff should be certified as Class Representative for the Settlement Class, and Lead Counsel should be appointed as Class Counsel for the Settlement Class; (iii) whether the Action should be dismissed with prejudice against Defendants and the Releases specified and described in the Stipulation (and in this Notice) should be granted; (iv) whether the proposed Plan of Allocation should be approved as fair and reasonable; (v) whether Lead Counsel's motion for an award of attorneys' fees and Litigation Expenses should be approved; and (vi) any other matters that may properly be brought before the Court in connection with the Settlement. The Court reserves the right to certify the Settlement Class; approve the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, and Lead Counsel's motion for attorneys' fees and Litigation Expenses; and/or

consider any other matter related to the Settlement at or after the Settlement Hearing without further notice to the members of the Settlement Class.

75. Any Settlement Class Member who or which does not request exclusion may object to the Settlement, the proposed Plan of Allocation, or Lead Counsel's motion for attorneys' fees and Litigation Expenses. Objections must be in writing. You must file any written objection, together with copies of all other papers and briefs supporting the objection, with the Clerk's Office at the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri at the address set forth below **on or before** _____, 2020. You must also serve the papers on Lead Counsel and on Defendants' Counsel at the addresses set forth below so that the papers are **received on or before** _____, 2020.

<u>Clerk's Office</u>	<u>Lead Counsel</u>	<u>Defendants' Counsel</u>
United States District Court Eastern District of Missouri Thomas F. Eagleton U.S. Courthouse 111 South 10th Street St. Louis, MO 63102	Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP Jonathan D. Uslaner, Esq. 2121 Avenue of the Stars, Suite 2575 Los Angeles, CA 90067	Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP Peter B. Morrison, Esq. 300 South Grand Avenue, Suite 3400 Los Angeles, CA 90071

76. Any objection must (i) state the name, address, and telephone number of the person or entity objecting and must be signed by the objector; (ii) state with specificity the grounds for the Settlement Class Member's objection, including any legal and evidentiary support the Settlement Class Member wishes to bring to the Court's attention and whether the objection applies only to the objector, to a specific subset of the Settlement Class, or to the entire Settlement Class; and (iii) include documents sufficient to prove membership in the Settlement Class, including documents showing the number of shares of Centene common stock that the objecting Settlement Class Member (A) owned as of the opening of trading on May 24, 2016 and (B) purchased/acquired and/or sold during the Class Period (*i.e.*, from May 24, 2016 through July 25, 2016, inclusive), as well as the dates and prices of each such purchase/acquisition and sale. Documentation establishing membership in the Settlement Class must consist of copies of brokerage confirmation slips or monthly brokerage account statements, or an authorized statement from the objector's broker containing the transactional and holding information found in a broker confirmation slip or account statement. You may not object to the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, or Lead Counsel's motion for attorneys' fees and Litigation Expenses if you exclude yourself from the Settlement Class or if you are not a member of the Settlement Class.

77. You may file a written objection without having to appear at the Settlement Hearing. You may not, however, appear at the Settlement Hearing to present your objection unless you first file and serve a written objection in accordance with the procedures described above, unless the Court orders otherwise.

78. If you wish to be heard orally at the hearing in opposition to the approval of the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, or Lead Counsel's motion for an award of attorneys' fees and Litigation Expenses, assuming you timely file and serve a written objection as described above, you must also file a notice of appearance with the Clerk's Office and serve it on Lead Counsel and on Defendants' Counsel at the addresses set forth in ¶ 75 above so that it is **received on or**

before _____, 2020. Persons who intend to object and desire to present evidence at the Settlement Hearing must include in their written objection or notice of appearance the identity of any witnesses they may call to testify and exhibits they intend to introduce into evidence at the hearing. Such persons may be heard orally at the discretion of the Court.

79. You are not required to hire an attorney to represent you in making written objections or in appearing at the Settlement Hearing. However, if you decide to hire an attorney, it will be at your own expense, and that attorney must file a notice of appearance with the Court and serve it on Lead Counsel and Defendants' Counsel at the addresses set forth in ¶ 75 above so that the notice is *received on or before* _____, 2020.

80. The Settlement Hearing may be adjourned by the Court without further written notice to the Settlement Class. If you plan to attend the Settlement Hearing, you should confirm the date and time with Lead Counsel.

81. Unless the Court orders otherwise, any Settlement Class Member who does not object in the manner described above will be deemed to have waived any objection and shall be forever foreclosed from making any objection to the proposed Settlement, the proposed Plan of Allocation, or Lead Counsel's motion for an award of attorneys' fees and Litigation Expenses. Settlement Class Members do not need to appear at the Settlement Hearing or take any other action to indicate their approval.

WHAT IF I BOUGHT SHARES ON SOMEONE ELSE'S BEHALF?

82. If you purchased or otherwise acquired Centene common stock during the period from May 24, 2016 through July 25, 2016, inclusive, for the beneficial interest of persons or organizations other than yourself, you must either (i) within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of this Notice, request from the Claims Administrator sufficient copies of the Notice and Claim Form (the "Notice Packet") to forward to all such beneficial owners and within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of those Notice Packets forward them to all such beneficial owners; or (ii) within seven (7) calendar days of receipt of this Notice, provide a list of the names, addresses, and email addresses (if available) of all such beneficial owners to *Centene Securities Litigation*, c/o JND Legal Administration, P.O. Box 91364, Seattle, WA 98111.

83. If you choose the first option, you must send a statement to the Claims Administrator confirming that the mailing was made as directed and retain the list of names and addresses for use in connection with any possible future notice to the Settlement Class. If you choose the second option, the Claims Administrator will send a copy of the Notice Packet to the beneficial owners.

84. Upon full compliance with these directions, such nominees may seek reimbursement of their reasonable expenses actually incurred, by providing the Claims Administrator with proper documentation supporting the expenses for which reimbursement is sought. Copies of this Notice and the Claim Form may also be obtained from the Settlement website, www.CenteneSecuritiesLitigation.com, by calling the Claims Administrator toll-free at 1-888-964-0670, or by emailing the Claims Administrator at info@CenteneSecuritiesLitigation.com.

**CAN I SEE THE COURT FILE?
WHOM SHOULD I CONTACT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS?**

85. This Notice contains only a summary of the terms of the proposed Settlement. For more detailed information about the matters involved in this Action, you are referred to the papers on file in the Action, including the Stipulation, which may be inspected during regular office hours at the Office of the Clerk, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri, Thomas F. Eagleton U.S. Courthouse, 111 South 10th Street, St. Louis, MO 63102. Additionally, copies of the Stipulation and any related orders entered by the Court will be posted on the Settlement website, www.CenteneSecuritiesLitigation.com.

All inquiries concerning this Notice and the Claim Form should be directed to:

Centene Securities Litigation
c/o JND Legal Administration
P.O. Box 91364
Seattle, WA 98111

and/or

Jonathan D. Uslander, Esq.
Bernstein Litowitz Berger
& Grossmann LLP
2121 Avenue of the Stars, Suite 2575
Los Angeles, CA 90067

1-888-964-0670

info@CenteneSecuritiesLitigation.com
www.CenteneSecuritiesLitigation.com

1-800-380-8496
settlements@blbglaw.com

DO NOT CALL OR WRITE THE COURT, THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE COURT, DEFENDANTS, OR THEIR COUNSEL REGARDING THIS NOTICE.

Dated: _____, 2020

By Order of the Court
United States District Court
Eastern District of Missouri

#1361341

Table A
Centene Common Stock Closing Price and Average Closing Price
July 26, 2016 – October 21, 2016

Date	Closing Price	Average Closing Price between July 26, 2016 and Date Shown	Date	Closing Price	Average Closing Price between July 26, 2016 and Date Shown
7/26/2016	\$68.87	\$68.87	9/9/2016	\$66.85	\$69.08
7/27/2016	\$67.41	\$68.14	9/12/2016	\$68.04	\$69.05
7/28/2016	\$69.96	\$68.75	9/13/2016	\$66.78	\$68.99
7/29/2016	\$70.55	\$69.20	9/14/2016	\$66.16	\$68.91
8/1/2016	\$69.44	\$69.25	9/15/2016	\$67.24	\$68.86
8/2/2016	\$68.86	\$69.18	9/16/2016	\$67.30	\$68.82
8/3/2016	\$71.54	\$69.52	9/19/2016	\$67.42	\$68.79
8/4/2016	\$71.27	\$69.74	9/20/2016	\$66.89	\$68.74
8/5/2016	\$70.95	\$69.87	9/21/2016	\$68.28	\$68.73
8/8/2016	\$70.29	\$69.91	9/22/2016	\$69.00	\$68.73
8/9/2016	\$70.41	\$69.96	9/23/2016	\$68.55	\$68.73
8/10/2016	\$70.09	\$69.97	9/26/2016	\$68.13	\$68.72
8/11/2016	\$69.58	\$69.94	9/27/2016	\$69.08	\$68.72
8/12/2016	\$70.24	\$69.96	9/28/2016	\$69.04	\$68.73
8/15/2016	\$70.96	\$70.03	9/29/2016	\$67.65	\$68.71
8/16/2016	\$69.50	\$70.00	9/30/2016	\$66.96	\$68.67
8/17/2016	\$68.17	\$69.89	10/3/2016	\$63.31	\$68.56
8/18/2016	\$69.43	\$69.86	10/4/2016	\$62.30	\$68.44
8/19/2016	\$70.08	\$69.87	10/5/2016	\$61.90	\$68.31
8/22/2016	\$70.64	\$69.91	10/6/2016	\$62.10	\$68.19
8/23/2016	\$69.93	\$69.91	10/7/2016	\$61.92	\$68.07
8/24/2016	\$68.74	\$69.86	10/10/2016	\$63.08	\$67.98
8/25/2016	\$67.70	\$69.77	10/11/2016	\$61.70	\$67.86
8/26/2016	\$67.66	\$69.68	10/12/2016	\$60.83	\$67.74
8/29/2016	\$67.48	\$69.59	10/13/2016	\$60.22	\$67.61
8/30/2016	\$68.85	\$69.56	10/14/2016	\$60.06	\$67.48
8/31/2016	\$68.29	\$69.51	10/17/2016	\$59.73	\$67.35
9/1/2016	\$67.34	\$69.44	10/18/2016	\$61.41	\$67.25
9/2/2016	\$68.62	\$69.41	10/19/2016	\$62.19	\$67.16
9/6/2016	\$65.30	\$69.27	10/20/2016	\$61.93	\$67.08
9/7/2016	\$67.04	\$69.20	10/21/2016	\$62.10	\$67.00
9/8/2016	\$67.67	\$69.15			

Exhibit A-2

Centene Securities Litigation
Toll-Free Number: 1-888-964-0670
Email: info@CenteneSecuritiesLitigation.com
Website: www.CenteneSecuritiesLitigation.com

PROOF OF CLAIM AND RELEASE FORM

To be eligible to receive a share of the Net Settlement Fund in connection with the Settlement of this Action, you must complete and sign this Proof of Claim and Release Form (“Claim Form”) and mail it by first-class mail to the address below, with supporting documentation, *postmarked no later than* _____, 2020.

Mail to:

Centene Securities Litigation
c/o JND Legal Administration
PO Box 91364
Seattle, WA 98111

Failure to submit your Claim Form by the date specified will subject your claim to rejection and may preclude you from being eligible to receive a payment from the Settlement.

Do not mail or deliver your Claim Form to the Court, Lead Counsel, Defendants’ Counsel, or any of the Parties to the Action. Submit your Claim Form only to the Claims Administrator at the address set forth above.

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PART II – GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

1. It is important that you completely read and understand the Notice of (I) Pendency of Class Action and Proposed Settlement; (II) Settlement Fairness Hearing; and (III) Motion for Attorneys' Fees and Litigation Expenses (the "Notice") that accompanies this Claim Form, including the Plan of Allocation of the Net Settlement Fund set forth in the Notice. The Notice describes the proposed Settlement, how Settlement Class Members are affected by the Settlement, and the manner in which the Net Settlement Fund will be distributed if the Settlement and Plan of Allocation are approved by the Court. The Notice also contains the definitions of many of the defined terms (which are indicated by initial capital letters) used in this Claim Form. By signing and submitting this Claim Form, you will be certifying that you have read and that you understand the Notice, including the terms of the releases described therein and provided for herein.

2. By submitting this Claim Form, you will be making a request to receive a payment from the Settlement described in the Notice. **IF YOU ARE NOT A SETTLEMENT CLASS MEMBER** (*see* the definition of the Settlement Class on page [] of the Notice, which sets forth who is included in and who is excluded from the Settlement Class), **OR IF YOU, OR SOMEONE ACTING ON YOUR BEHALF, SUBMITTED A REQUEST FOR EXCLUSION FROM THE SETTLEMENT CLASS, DO NOT SUBMIT A CLAIM FORM. YOU MAY NOT, DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY, PARTICIPATE IN THE SETTLEMENT IF YOU ARE NOT A SETTLEMENT CLASS MEMBER.** **THUS, IF YOU ARE EXCLUDED FROM THE SETTLEMENT CLASS, ANY CLAIM FORM THAT YOU SUBMIT, OR THAT MAY BE SUBMITTED ON YOUR BEHALF, WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

3. **Submission of this Claim Form does not guarantee that you will be eligible to receive a payment from the Settlement. The distribution of the Net Settlement Fund will be governed by the Plan of Allocation set forth in the Notice, if it is approved by the Court, or by such other plan of allocation as the Court approves.**

4. Use the Schedule of Transactions in Part III of this Claim Form to supply all required details of your transaction(s) in, and holdings of, common stock of Centene Corporation ("Centene"). On this schedule, provide all of the requested information with respect to your holdings, purchases, acquisitions, and sales of Centene common stock (including free transfers and deliveries), whether such transactions resulted in a profit or a loss. **Failure to report all transaction and holding information during the requested time period may result in the rejection of your claim.**

5. **Please note:** Only Centene common stock purchased during the Class Period (*i.e.*, from May 24, 2016 through July 25, 2016, inclusive) is eligible under the Settlement. However, sales of Centene common stock during the period from July 26, 2016 through and including the close of trading on October 21, 2016, will be used for purposes of calculating your claim under the Plan of Allocation. Therefore, in order for the Claims Administrator to be able to balance your claim, the requested purchase/acquisition and sale/disposition information during this period must also be provided.

6. You are required to submit genuine and sufficient documentation for all of your transactions in and holdings of Centene common stock as set forth in the Schedule of Transactions in Part III of this Claim Form. Documentation may consist of copies of brokerage confirmation slips or monthly brokerage account statements, or an authorized statement from your broker containing the transactional and holding information found in a broker confirmation slip or account statement. The Parties and the Claims Administrator do not independently have information about your investments in Centene common stock. **IF SUCH DOCUMENTS ARE NOT IN YOUR POSSESSION, PLEASE OBTAIN COPIES OF THE DOCUMENTS OR EQUIVALENT DOCUMENTS FROM YOUR BROKER. FAILURE TO SUPPLY THIS**

DOCUMENTATION MAY RESULT IN THE REJECTION OF YOUR CLAIM. DO NOT SEND ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS. **Please keep a copy of all documents that you send to the Claims Administrator. Also, do not highlight any portion of the Claim Form or any supporting documents.**

7. Use Part I of this Claim Form entitled “CLAIMANT INFORMATION” to identify the beneficial owner(s) of the Centene common stock. The complete name(s) of the beneficial owner(s) must be entered. If you held the Centene common stock in your own name, you were the beneficial owner as well as the record owner. If, however, your shares of Centene common stock were registered in the name of a third party, such as a nominee or brokerage firm, you were the beneficial owner of the stock, but the third party was the record owner. The beneficial owner, not the record owner, must sign this Claim Form to be eligible to participate in the Settlement. If there were joint beneficial owners each must sign this Claim Form and their names must appear as “Claimants” in Part I of this Claim Form.

8. **One Claim should be submitted for each separate legal entity.** Separate Claim Forms should be submitted for each separate legal entity (*e.g.*, a claim from joint owners should not include separate transactions of just one of the joint owners, and an individual should not combine his or her IRA transactions with transactions made solely in the individual’s name). Conversely, a single Claim Form should be submitted on behalf of one legal entity including all transactions made by that entity on one Claim Form, no matter how many separate accounts that entity has (*e.g.*, a corporation with multiple brokerage accounts should include all transactions made in all accounts on one Claim Form).

9. Agents, executors, administrators, guardians, and trustees must complete and sign the Claim Form on behalf of persons represented by them, and they must:

- (a) expressly state the capacity in which they are acting;
- (b) identify the name, account number, last four digits of the Social Security Number (or taxpayer identification number), address, and telephone number of the beneficial owner of (or other person or entity on whose behalf they are acting with respect to) the Centene common stock; and
- (c) furnish herewith evidence of their authority to bind to the Claim Form the person or entity on whose behalf they are acting. (Authority to complete and sign a Claim Form cannot be established by stockbrokers demonstrating only that they have discretionary authority to trade securities in another person’s accounts.)

10. By submitting a signed Claim Form, you will be swearing that you:

- (a) own(ed) the Centene common stock you have listed in the Claim Form; or
- (b) are expressly authorized to act on behalf of the owner thereof.

11. By submitting a signed Claim Form, you will be swearing to the truth of the statements contained therein and the genuineness of the documents attached thereto, subject to penalties of perjury under the laws of the United States of America. The making of false statements, or the submission of forged or fraudulent documentation, will result in the rejection of your claim and may subject you to civil liability or criminal prosecution.

12. If the Court approves the Settlement, payments to eligible Authorized Claimants pursuant to the Plan of Allocation (or such other plan of allocation as the Court approves) will be made after any appeals are resolved, and after the completion of all claims processing. The claims process will take substantial time to complete fully and fairly. Please be patient.

13. **PLEASE NOTE:** As set forth in the Plan of Allocation, each Authorized Claimant shall receive his, her, or its *pro rata* share of the Net Settlement Fund. If the prorated payment to any Authorized Claimant calculates to less than \$10.00, it will not be included in the calculation and no distribution will be made to that Authorized Claimant.

14. If you have questions concerning the Claim Form, or need additional copies of the Claim Form or the Notice, you may contact the Claims Administrator, JND Legal Administration, at the above address, by email at info@CenteneSecuritiesLitigation.com, or by toll-free phone at 1-888-964-0670, or you can visit the Settlement website, www.CenteneSecuritiesLitigation.com, where copies of the Claim Form and Notice are available for downloading.

15. **NOTICE REGARDING ELECTRONIC FILES:** Certain claimants with large numbers of transactions may request, or may be requested, to submit information regarding their transactions in electronic files. To obtain the **mandatory** electronic filing requirements and file layout, you may visit the Settlement website at www.CenteneSecuritiesLitigation.com or you may email the Claims Administrator's electronic filing department at CTESecurities@JNDLA.com. **Any file not in accordance with the required electronic filing format will be subject to rejection.** Only one claim should be submitted for each separate legal entity (*see* ¶ 8 above) and the **complete** name of the beneficial owner of the securities must be entered where called for (*see* ¶ 7 above). No electronic files will be considered to have been submitted unless the Claims Administrator issues an email to that effect. **Do not assume that your file has been received until you receive this email. If you do not receive such an email within 10 days of your submission, you should contact the electronic filing department at CTESecurities@JNDLA.com to inquire about your file and confirm it was received.**

IMPORTANT: PLEASE NOTE

YOUR CLAIM IS NOT DEEMED FILED UNTIL YOU RECEIVE AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT POSTCARD. THE CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR WILL ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF YOUR CLAIM FORM WITHIN 60 DAYS OF YOUR SUBMISSION. IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE AN ACKNOWLEDGEMENT POSTCARD WITHIN 60 DAYS, CONTACT THE CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR TOLL FREE AT 1-888-964-0670.

PART III – SCHEDULE OF TRANSACTIONS IN CENTENE COMMON STOCK

Use this section to provide information on your holdings and trading of Centene common stock (NYSE Ticker Symbol: CNC, CUSIP: 15135B101) during the requested time periods. Please include proper documentation with your Claim Form as described in detail in Part II – General Instructions, ¶ 6 above.

1. HOLDINGS AS OF MAY 24, 2016 – State the total number of shares of Centene common stock held as of the opening of trading on May 24, 2016. (Must be documented.) If none, write “zero” or “0.” _____				Confirm Proof of Position Enclosed <input type="radio"/>
2. PURCHASES/ACQUISITIONS FROM MAY 24, 2016 THROUGH JULY 25, 2016 – Separately list each and every purchase or acquisition (including free receipts) of Centene common stock from after the opening of trading on May 24, 2016 through and including the close of trading on July 25, 2016. (Must be documented.)				
Date of Purchase/ Acquisition (List Chronologically) (Month/Day/Year)	Number of Shares Purchased/Acquired	Purchase Price Per Share	Total Purchase Price (excluding any fees, commissions, and taxes)	Confirm Proof of Purchase Enclosed
/ /		\$	\$	<input type="radio"/>
/ /		\$	\$	<input type="radio"/>
/ /		\$	\$	<input type="radio"/>
/ /		\$	\$	<input type="radio"/>
3. PURCHASES/ACQUISITIONS FROM JULY 26, 2016 THROUGH OCTOBER 21, 2016 – State the total number of shares of Centene common stock purchased or acquired (including free receipts) from July 26, 2016 through the close of trading on October 21, 2016. If none, write “zero” or “0.” ¹ _____				
4. SALES FROM MAY 24, 2016 THROUGH OCTOBER 21, 2016 – Separately list each and every sale or disposition (including free deliveries) of Centene common stock from after the opening of trading on May 24, 2016 through and including the close of trading on October 21, 2016. (Must be documented.)				IF NONE, CHECK HERE <input type="radio"/>
Date of Sale (List Chronologically) (Month/Day/Year)	Number of Shares Sold	Sale Price Per Share	Total Sale Price (not deducting any fees, commissions, and taxes)	Confirm Proof of Sale Enclosed
/ /		\$	\$	<input type="radio"/>
/ /		\$	\$	<input type="radio"/>
/ /		\$	\$	<input type="radio"/>
/ /		\$	\$	<input type="radio"/>

¹ **Please note:** Information requested with respect to your purchases and acquisitions of Centene common stock from July 26, 2016 through and including the close of trading on October 21, 2016 is needed in order to balance your claim; purchases during this period, however, are not eligible under the Settlement and will not be used for purposes of calculating your Recognized Claim under the Plan of Allocation.

4. HOLDINGS AS OF OCTOBER 21, 2016 – State the total number of shares of Centene common stock held as of the close of trading on October 21, 2016. (Must be documented.) If none, write “zero” or “0.” _____	Confirm Proof of Position Enclosed <input type="radio"/>
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IF YOU REQUIRE ADDITIONAL SPACE FOR THE SCHEDULE ABOVE, ATTACH EXTRA SCHEDULES IN THE SAME FORMAT. PRINT THE BENEFICIAL OWNER’S FULL NAME AND LAST FOUR DIGITS OF SOCIAL SECURITY/TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER ON EACH ADDITIONAL PAGE. IF YOU DO ATTACH EXTRA SCHEDULES, CHECK THIS BOX.

PART IV - RELEASE OF CLAIMS AND SIGNATURE

YOU MUST ALSO READ THE RELEASE AND CERTIFICATION BELOW AND SIGN ON PAGE ___ OF THIS CLAIM FORM.

I (we) hereby acknowledge that, pursuant to the terms set forth in the Stipulation, without further action by anyone, upon the Effective Date of the Settlement, I (we), on behalf of myself (ourselves) and my (our) (the claimant(s)') heirs, executors, administrators, predecessors, successors, and assigns, in their capacities as such, shall be deemed to have, and by operation of law and of the judgment shall have, fully, finally, and forever compromised, settled, released, resolved, relinquished, waived, and discharged each and every Released Plaintiffs' Claims against Defendants and the other Defendants' Releasees, and shall forever be barred and enjoined from prosecuting any or all of the Released Plaintiffs' Claims against any of the Defendants' Releasees.

CERTIFICATION

By signing and submitting this Claim Form, the claimant(s) or the person(s) who represent(s) the claimant(s) agree(s) to the release above and certifies (certify) as follows:

1. that I (we) have read and understand the contents of the Notice and this Claim Form, including the releases provided for in the Settlement and the terms of the Plan of Allocation;
2. that the claimant(s) is a (are) Settlement Class Member(s), as defined in the Notice, and is (are) not excluded by definition from the Settlement Class as set forth in the Notice;
3. that the claimant(s) did *not* submit a request for exclusion from the Settlement Class;
4. that I (we) own(ed) the Centene common stock identified in the Claim Form and have not assigned the claim against any of the Defendants or any of the other Defendants' Releasees to another, or that, in signing and submitting this Claim Form, I (we) have the authority to act on behalf of the owner(s) thereof;
5. that the claimant(s) has (have) not submitted any other claim covering the same purchases of Centene common stock and knows (know) of no other person having done so on the claimant's (claimants') behalf;
6. that the claimant(s) submit(s) to the jurisdiction of the Court with respect to claimant's (claimants') claim and for purposes of enforcing the releases set forth herein;
7. that I (we) agree to furnish such additional information with respect to this Claim Form as Lead Counsel, the Claims Administrator, or the Court may require;
8. that the claimant(s) waive(s) the right to trial by jury, to the extent it exists, and agree(s) to the determination by the Court of the validity or amount of this claim, and waives any right of appeal or review with respect to such determination;
9. that I (we) acknowledge that the claimant(s) will be bound by and subject to the terms of any judgment(s) that may be entered in the Action; and

10. that the claimant(s) is (are) NOT subject to backup withholding under the provisions of Section 3406(a)(1)(C) of the Internal Revenue Code because (i) the claimant(s) is (are) exempt from backup withholding or (ii) the claimant(s) has (have) not been notified by the IRS that he, she, or it is subject to backup withholding as a result of a failure to report all interest or dividends or (iii) the IRS has notified the claimant(s) that he, she, or it is no longer subject to backup withholding. **If the IRS has notified the claimant(s) that he, she, it, or they is (are) subject to backup withholding, please strike out the language in the preceding sentence indicating that the claim is not subject to backup withholding in the certification above.**

UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY, I (WE) CERTIFY THAT ALL OF THE INFORMATION PROVIDED BY ME (US) ON THIS CLAIM FORM IS TRUE, CORRECT, AND COMPLETE, AND THAT THE DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED HEREWITH ARE TRUE AND CORRECT COPIES OF WHAT THEY PURPORT TO BE.

Signature of claimant Date

Print claimant name here

Signature of joint claimant, if any Date

Print joint claimant name here

If the claimant is other than an individual, or is not the person completing this form, the following also must be provided:

Signature of person signing on behalf of claimant Date

Print name of person signing on behalf of claimant here

Capacity of person signing on behalf of claimant, if other than an individual, *e.g.*, executor, president, trustee, custodian, etc. (Must provide evidence of authority to act on behalf of claimant – see ¶ 9 on page [] of this Claim Form.)

REMINDER CHECKLIST

1. Sign the above release and certification. If this Claim Form is being made on behalf of joint claimants, then both must sign.
2. Attach only *copies* of acceptable supporting documentation as these documents will not be returned to you.
3. Do not highlight any portion of the Claim Form or any supporting documents.
4. Keep copies of the completed Claim Form and documentation for your own records.
5. The Claims Administrator will acknowledge receipt of your Claim Form by mail, within 60 days of your submission. Your claim is not deemed filed until you receive an acknowledgement postcard. **If you do not receive an acknowledgement postcard within 60 days, please call the Claims Administrator toll free at 1-888-964-0670.**
6. If your address changes in the future, or if this Claim Form was sent to an old or incorrect address, you must send the Claims Administrator written notification of your new address. If you change your name, inform the Claims Administrator.
7. If you have any questions or concerns regarding your claim, contact the Claims Administrator at the address below, by email at info@CenteneSecuritiesLitigation.com, or by toll-free phone at 1-888-964-0670, or you may visit www.CenteneSecuritiesLitigation.com. DO NOT call Centene or its counsel with questions regarding your claim.

THIS CLAIM FORM MUST BE MAILED TO THE CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR BY FIRST-CLASS MAIL, **POSTMARKED NO LATER THAN _____, 2020**, ADDRESSED AS FOLLOWS:

Centene Securities Litigation
c/o JND Legal Administration
PO Box 91364
Seattle, WA 98111

A Claim Form received by the Claims Administrator shall be deemed to have been submitted when posted, if a postmark date on or before _____, 2020 is indicated on the envelope and it is mailed First Class, and addressed in accordance with the above instructions. In all other cases, a Claim Form shall be deemed to have been submitted when actually received by the Claims Administrator.

You should be aware that it will take a significant amount of time to fully process all of the Claim Forms. Please be patient and notify the Claims Administrator of any change of address.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
EASTERN DIVISION

ISRAEL SANCHEZ, Individually and On
Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

CENTENE CORP., MICHAEL F.
NEIDORFF, and JEFFREY A.
SCHWANEKE,

Defendants.

Case No. 4:17-cv-00806-AGF

**SUMMARY NOTICE OF (I) PENDENCY OF CLASS ACTION AND
PROPOSED SETTLEMENT; (II) SETTLEMENT FAIRNESS HEARING;
AND (III) MOTION FOR ATTORNEYS' FEES AND LITIGATION EXPENSES**

TO: All persons and entities who purchased the common stock of Centene Corporation (“Centene”) during the period from May 24, 2016 through July 25, 2016, inclusive, and who were damaged thereby (the “Settlement Class”).¹

PLEASE READ THIS NOTICE CAREFULLY. YOUR RIGHTS MAY BE AFFECTED BY A CLASS ACTION LAWSUIT PENDING IN THIS COURT.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED, pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and an Order of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri (the “Court”), that the above-captioned litigation (the “Action”) is pending in the Court.

YOU ARE ALSO NOTIFIED that Lead Plaintiff in the Action has reached a proposed settlement of the Action for \$7,500,000 in cash (the “Settlement”), that, if approved, will resolve all claims in the Action.

A hearing will be held on _____, 2020 at __:__.m., before the Honorable Audrey G. Fleissig at the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Missouri, Courtroom 12 South, Thomas F. Eagleton U.S. Courthouse, 111 South 10th Street, St. Louis, MO 63102, to determine whether: (i) the proposed Settlement should be approved as fair,

¹ Certain persons and entities are excluded from the Settlement Class by definition as set forth in the full Notice of (I) Pendency of Class Action and Proposed Settlement; (II) Settlement Fairness Hearing; and (III) Motion for Attorneys’ Fees and Litigation Expenses (the “Notice”), available at www.CenteneSecuritiesLitigation.com.

reasonable, and adequate; (ii) for purposes of the proposed Settlement only, the Action should be certified as a class action on behalf of the Settlement Class, Lead Plaintiff should be certified as Class Representative for the Settlement Class, and Lead Counsel should be appointed as Class Counsel for the Settlement Class; (iii) the Action should be dismissed with prejudice against Defendants, and the Releases specified and described in the Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement dated March 5, 2020 (and in the Notice) should be granted; (iv) the proposed Plan of Allocation should be approved as fair and reasonable; and (v) Lead Counsel's application for an award of attorneys' fees and expenses should be approved.

If you are a member of the Settlement Class, your rights will be affected by the pending Action and the Settlement, and you may be entitled to a payment from the Settlement. If you have not yet received the Notice and Claim Form, you may obtain copies of these documents by contacting the Claims Administrator at *Centene Securities Litigation*, c/o JND Legal Administration, P.O. Box 91364, Seattle, WA 98111; 1-888-964-0670; or info@CenteneSecuritiesLitigation.com. Copies of the Stipulation of Settlement, Notice and Claim Form can also be downloaded from the Settlement website, www.CenteneSecuritiesLitigation.com.

If you are a member of the Settlement Class, in order to be eligible to receive a payment from the Settlement, you must submit a Claim Form **postmarked no later than _____, 2020**. If you are a Settlement Class Member and do not submit a proper Claim Form, you will not be eligible to receive a payment from the Settlement but you will nevertheless be bound by any judgments or orders entered by the Court in the Action (including the releases provided therein).

If you are a member of the Settlement Class and do not exclude yourself from the Settlement Class, you will be bound by any judgments or orders entered by the Court in the Action (including the releases provided therein). If you are a member of the Settlement Class and wish to exclude yourself from the Settlement Class, you must submit a request for exclusion such that it is **received no later than _____, 2020**, in accordance with the instructions set forth in the Notice. If you properly exclude yourself from the Settlement Class, you will not be bound by any judgments or orders entered by the Court in the Action and you will not be eligible to receive a payment from the Settlement.

Any objections to the proposed Settlement, the proposed Plan of Allocation, or Lead Counsel's motion for attorneys' fees and litigation expenses, must be filed with the Court and delivered to Lead Counsel and Defendants' Counsel such that they are **received no later than _____, 2020**, in accordance with the instructions set forth in the Notice.

Please do not contact the Court, the Clerk's office, Defendants, or their counsel regarding this notice. All questions about this notice, the proposed Settlement, or your eligibility to participate in the Settlement should be directed to the Claims Administrator or Lead Counsel.

Requests for the Notice and Claim Form should be made to:

Centene Securities Litigation
c/o JND Legal Administration
P.O. Box 91364
Seattle, WA 98111

1-888-964-067
www.CenteneSecuritiesLitigation.com

Inquiries, other than requests for the Notice and Claim Form, should be made to Lead Counsel:

BERNSTEIN LITOWITZ BERGER & GROSSMANN LLP
Jonathan D. Uslaner, Esq.
2121 Avenue of the Stars, Suite 2575
Los Angeles, CA 90067
(800) 380-8496
settlements@blbglaw.com

DATED: _____

BY ORDER OF THE COURT
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI

Exhibit B

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
EASTERN DIVISION

ISRAEL SANCHEZ, Individually and On
Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiff,

v.

CENTENE CORP., MICHAEL F.
NEIDORFF, and JEFFREY A.
SCHWANEKE,

Defendants.

Case No. 4:17-cv-00806-AGF

**JUDGMENT APPROVING CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT
AND ORDER OF DISMISSAL**

WHEREAS, a securities action is pending in this Court entitled *Sanchez v. Centene Corp.*, Case No. 4:17-cv-00806-AGF (the “Action”);

WHEREAS, (a) Lead Plaintiff Louisiana Sheriffs’ Pension & Relief Fund (“Lead Plaintiff”), on behalf of itself and the Settlement Class (defined below), and (b) defendant Centene Corporation (“Centene” or the “Company”) and defendants Michael F. Neidorff and Jeffrey A. Schwaneke (collectively, the “Individual Defendants,” and, together with Centene, “Defendants”) have entered into a Stipulation and Agreement of Settlement dated March 5, 2020 (the “Stipulation”), that provides for a complete dismissal with prejudice of the claims asserted against Defendants in the Action on the terms and conditions set forth in the Stipulation, subject to the approval of this Court (the “Settlement”);

WHEREAS, unless otherwise defined in this Judgment, the capitalized terms herein shall have the same meaning as they have in the Stipulation;

WHEREAS, by Order dated _____, 2020 (the “Preliminary Approval Order”), this Court: (a) found, pursuant to Rule 23(e)(1)(B), that it (i) would likely be able to approve the Settlement as fair, reasonable, and adequate under Rule 23(e)(2) and (ii) would likely be able to certify the Settlement Class for purposes of the Settlement; (b) ordered that notice of the proposed Settlement be provided to potential Settlement Class Members; (c) provided Settlement Class Members with the opportunity either to exclude themselves from the Settlement Class or to object to the proposed Settlement; and (d) scheduled a hearing regarding final approval of the Settlement;

WHEREAS, due and adequate notice has been given to the Settlement Class;

WHEREAS, the Court conducted a hearing on _____, 2020 (the “Settlement Hearing”) to consider, among other things, (a) whether the terms and conditions of the Settlement are fair, reasonable, and adequate to the Settlement Class, and should therefore be approved; and (b) whether a judgment should be entered dismissing the Action with prejudice as against the Defendants; and

WHEREAS, the Court having reviewed and considered the Stipulation, all papers filed and proceedings held herein in connection with the Settlement, all oral and written comments received regarding the Settlement, and the record in the Action, and good cause appearing therefor;

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED:

1. **Jurisdiction** – The Court has jurisdiction over the subject matter of the Action, and all matters relating to the Settlement, as well as personal jurisdiction over all of the Parties and each of the Settlement Class Members.

2. **Incorporation of Settlement Documents** – This Judgment incorporates and makes a part hereof: (a) the Stipulation filed with the Court on March __, 2020; and (b) the Notice and the Summary Notice, both of which were filed with the Court on _____, 2020.

3. **Class Certification for Settlement Purposes** – The Court hereby certifies, for the purposes of the Settlement only, the Action as a class action pursuant to Rules 23(a) and (b)(3) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure on behalf of the Settlement Class consisting of all persons and entities who purchased the common stock of Centene during the period from May 24, 2016 through July 25, 2016, inclusive (the “Class Period”) and who were damaged thereby (the “Settlement Class”). Excluded from the Settlement Class are (i) Defendants; (ii) members of the Immediate Family of each Individual Defendant; (iii) any person who was an Officer or director of Centene; (iv) any firm or entity in which any Defendant has or had a controlling interest; (v) any person who participated in the wrongdoing alleged; (vi) Defendants’ liability insurance carriers; (vii) any affiliates, parents, or subsidiaries of Centene; (viii) all Centene plans that are covered by ERISA; and (ix) the legal representatives, agents, affiliates, heirs, beneficiaries, successors-in-interest, or assigns of any excluded person or entity, in their respective capacity as such. [Also excluded from the Settlement Class are the persons and entities listed on Exhibit 1 hereto who or which are excluded from the Settlement Class pursuant to request.]

4. **Settlement Class Findings** – For purposes of the Settlement only, the Court finds that each element required for certification of the Settlement Class pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure has been met: (a) the members of the Settlement Class are so numerous that their joinder in the Action would be impracticable; (b) there are questions of law and fact common to the Settlement Class which predominate over any individual questions; (c) the claims of Lead Plaintiff in the Action are typical of the claims of the Settlement Class; (d) Lead Plaintiff and Lead Counsel have and will fairly and adequately represent and protect the interests of the Settlement Class; and (e) a class action is superior to other available methods for the fair and efficient adjudication of the claims on the Settlement Class in the Action.

5. **Adequacy of Representation** – Pursuant to Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, and for the purposes of the Settlement only, the Court hereby appoints Lead Plaintiff as Class Representative for the Settlement Class, and appoints Lead Counsel Bernstein Litowitz Berger & Grossmann LLP as Class Counsel for the Settlement Class. Lead Plaintiff and Lead Counsel have fairly and adequately represented the Settlement Class both in terms of litigating the Action and for purposes of entering into and implementing the Settlement and have satisfied the requirements of Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 23(a)(4) and 23(g), respectively.

6. **Notice** – The Court finds that the dissemination of the Notice and the publication of the Summary Notice: (a) were implemented in accordance with the Preliminary Approval Order; (b) constituted the best notice practicable under the circumstances; (c) constituted notice that was reasonably calculated, under the circumstances, to apprise Settlement Class Members of (i) the pendency of the Action; (ii) the effect of the proposed Settlement (including the Releases to be provided thereunder); (iii) Lead Counsel’s motion for attorneys’ fees and Litigation Expenses; (iv) their right to object to any aspect of the Settlement, the Plan of Allocation, and/or Lead Counsel’s motion for attorneys’ fees and Litigation Expenses; (v) their right to exclude themselves from the Settlement Class; and (vi) their right to appear at the Settlement Hearing; (d) constituted due, adequate, and sufficient notice to all persons and entities entitled to receive notice of the proposed Settlement; and (e) satisfied the requirements of Rule 23 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the United States Constitution (including the Due Process Clause), the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, 15 U.S.C. § 78u-4, as amended, and all other applicable law and rules. No Settlement Class Member is relieved from the terms of the Settlement, including the Releases provided for therein, based upon the contention or proof that such Settlement Class Member failed to receive actual or adequate notice. A full opportunity has

been offered to the Settlement Class Members to object to the proposed Settlement and to participate in the hearing thereon. The Court further finds that the notice provisions of the Class Action Fairness Act, 28 U.S.C. § 1715 *et seq.*, were fully discharged and that the statutory waiting period has elapsed. Thus, the Court hereby determines that all Settlement Class Members are bound by this Judgment[, except those persons and entities listed on Exhibit 1 to this Judgment].

7. **Final Settlement Approval and Dismissal of Claims** – Pursuant to, and in accordance with, Rule 23(e)(2) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, this Court hereby fully and finally approves the Settlement set forth in the Stipulation in all respects (including, without limitation, the amount of the Settlement, the Releases provided for therein, and the dismissal with prejudice of the claims asserted against Defendants in the Action), and finds that the Settlement is, in all respects, fair, reasonable, and adequate to the Settlement Class. Specifically, the Court finds that (a) Lead Plaintiff and Lead Counsel have adequately represented the Settlement Class; (b) the Settlement was negotiated by the Parties at arm’s length; (c) the relief provided for the Settlement Class under the Settlement is adequate taking into account the costs, risks, and delay of trial and appeal, the proposed means of distributing the Settlement Fund to the Settlement Class; and the proposed attorneys’ fee award; and (d) the Settlement treats members of the Settlement Class equitably relative to each other. The Parties are directed to implement, perform, and consummate the Settlement in accordance with the terms and provisions contained in the Stipulation.

8. The Action and all of the claims asserted against Defendants in the Action by Lead Plaintiff and the other Settlement Class Members are hereby dismissed with prejudice. The Parties shall bear their own costs and expenses, except as otherwise expressly provided in the Stipulation.

9. **Binding Effect** – The terms of the Stipulation and of this Judgment shall be forever binding on Defendants, Lead Plaintiff, and all other Settlement Class Members (regardless of

whether or not any individual Settlement Class Member submits a Claim Form or seeks or obtains a distribution from the Net Settlement Fund), as well as their respective successors and assigns. [The persons and entities listed on Exhibit 1 hereto are excluded from the Settlement Class pursuant to request and are not bound by the terms of the Stipulation or this Judgment.]

10. **Releases** – The Releases set forth in paragraphs 5 and 6 of the Stipulation, together with the definitions contained in paragraph 1 of the Stipulation relating thereto, are expressly incorporated herein in all respects. The Releases are effective as of the Effective Date. Accordingly, this Court orders that:

(a) Without further action by anyone, and subject to paragraph 11 below, upon the Effective Date of the Settlement, Lead Plaintiff and each of the other Settlement Class Members, on behalf of themselves, and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, predecessors, successors, and assigns, in their capacities as such, shall be deemed to have, and by operation of law and of this Judgment shall have, fully, finally, and forever compromised, settled, released, resolved, relinquished, waived, and discharged each and every Released Plaintiffs' Claim against Defendants and all of the Defendants' Releasees, and shall forever be barred and enjoined from bringing, asserting, or prosecuting any or all of the Released Plaintiffs' Claims against any of the Defendants' Releasees.

(b) Without further action by anyone, and subject to paragraph 11 below, upon the Effective Date of the Settlement, Defendants, on behalf of themselves, and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, predecessors, successors, and assigns, in their capacities as such, shall be deemed to have, and by operation of law and of this Judgment shall have, fully, finally, and forever compromised, settled, released, resolved, relinquished, waived, and discharged each and every Released Defendants' Claim against Lead Plaintiff and all of the Plaintiffs' Releasees,

and shall forever be barred and enjoined from bringing, asserting, or prosecuting any or all of the Released Defendants' Claims against any of the Plaintiffs' Releasees. [This Release shall not apply to any person or entity listed on Exhibit 1 hereto.]

11. Notwithstanding paragraphs 10(a) – (b) above, nothing in this Judgment shall bar any action by any of the Parties to enforce or effectuate the terms of the Stipulation or this Judgment.

12. **Rule 11 Findings** – The Court finds and concludes that the Parties and their respective counsel have complied in all respects with the requirements of Rule 11 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure in connection with the institution, prosecution, defense, and settlement of the Action.

13. **No Admissions** – Neither this Judgment, the Stipulation (whether or not consummated), including the exhibits thereto and the Plan of Allocation contained therein (or any other plan of allocation that may be approved by the Court), the negotiations leading to the execution of the Stipulation, nor any proceedings taken pursuant to or in connection with the Stipulation and/or approval of the Settlement (including any arguments proffered in connection therewith):

(a) shall be offered against any of the Defendants' Releasees as evidence of, or construed as, or deemed to be evidence of any presumption, concession, or admission by any of the Defendants' Releasees with respect to the truth of any fact alleged by Lead Plaintiff or the validity of any claim that was or could have been asserted or the deficiency of any defense that has been or could have been asserted in this Action or in any other litigation, or of any liability, negligence, fault, or other wrongdoing of any kind of any of the Defendants' Releasees or in any way referred to for any other reason as against any of

the Defendants' Releasees, in any arbitration proceeding or other civil, criminal, or administrative action or proceeding, other than such proceedings as may be necessary to effectuate the provisions of the Stipulation;

(b) shall be offered against any of the Plaintiffs' Releasees, as evidence of, or construed as, or deemed to be evidence of any presumption, concession or admission by any of the Plaintiffs' Releasees that any of their claims are without merit, that any of the Defendants' Releasees had meritorious defenses, or that damages recoverable under the Complaint would not have exceeded the Settlement Amount or with respect to any liability, negligence, fault, or wrongdoing of any kind, or in any way referred to for any other reason as against any of the Plaintiffs' Releasees, in any arbitration proceeding or other civil, criminal, or administrative action or proceeding, other than such proceedings as may be necessary to effectuate the provisions of the Stipulation; or

(c) shall be construed against any of the Releasees as an admission, concession, or presumption that the consideration to be given under the Settlement represents the amount which could be or would have been recovered after trial;

provided, however, that the Parties and the Releasees and their respective counsel may refer to and rely on this Judgment and the Stipulation to effectuate the protections from liability granted hereunder and thereunder or otherwise to enforce the terms of the Settlement, including but not limited to by filing the Stipulation and/or this Judgment in any other action that may be brought against them in order to support a defense or counterclaim based on principles of *res judicata*, collateral estoppel, release, good faith settlement, judgment bar or reduction, or any other theory of claim preclusion or issue preclusion or similar defense or counterclaim.

14. **Retention of Jurisdiction** – Without affecting the finality of this Judgment in any way, this Court retains continuing and exclusive jurisdiction over: (a) the Parties for purposes of the administration, interpretation, implementation, and enforcement of the Settlement; (b) the disposition of the Settlement Fund; (c) any motion for an award of attorneys’ fees and/or Litigation Expenses by Lead Counsel in the Action that will be paid from the Settlement Fund; (d) any motion to approve the Plan of Allocation; (e) any motion to approve the Class Distribution Order; and (f) the Settlement Class Members for all matters relating to the Action.

15. Separate orders shall be entered regarding approval of a Plan of Allocation and the motion of Lead Counsel for attorneys’ fees and Litigation Expenses. Such orders, or any appeal from any order relating thereto or reversal or modification thereof, shall in no way affect or delay the finality of this Judgment and shall not affect or delay the Effective Date of the Settlement.

16. **Modification of the Agreement of Settlement** – Without further approval from the Court, Lead Plaintiff and Defendants are hereby authorized to agree to and adopt such amendments or modifications of the Stipulation or any exhibits attached thereto to effectuate the Settlement that: (a) are not materially inconsistent with this Judgment; and (b) do not materially limit the rights of Settlement Class Members in connection with the Settlement. Without further order of the Court, Lead Plaintiff and Defendants may agree to reasonable extensions of time to carry out any provisions of the Settlement.

17. **Termination of Settlement** – If the Settlement is terminated as provided in the Stipulation or the Effective Date of the Settlement otherwise fails to occur, this Judgment shall be vacated, rendered null and void, and be of no further force and effect, except as otherwise provided by the Stipulation, and this Judgment shall be without prejudice to the rights of Lead Plaintiff, the

other Settlement Class Members, and Defendants, and the Parties shall revert to their respective positions in the Action immediately prior to the execution of the Stipulation.

18. **Entry of Final Judgment** – There is no just reason to delay the entry of this Judgment as a final judgment in this Action. Accordingly, the Clerk of the Court is expressly directed to immediately enter this final judgment in this Action.

19. The Court’s orders entered during this Action relating to the confidentiality of information shall survive this Settlement.

SO ORDERED this _____ day of _____, 2020.

The Honorable Audrey G. Fleissig
United States District Judge

Exhibit 1

[List of Persons and Entities Excluded from the Settlement Class Pursuant to Request]