

# SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

## FORM SC 13G/A

Schedule filed to report acquisition of beneficial ownership of 5% or more of a class of equity securities by passive investors and certain institutions [amend]

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### SUBJECT COMPANY

#### **CENTENE CORP**

CIK: **1071739** | IRS No.: **041406317**  
Type: **SC 13G/A** | Act: **34** | File No.: **005-62421** | Film No.: **03546741**  
SIC: **6324** Hospital & medical service plans

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#### **GILDER GAGNON HOWE & CO LLC**

CIK: **902464** | IRS No.: **133174112** | State of Incorporation: **NY** | Fiscal Year End: **1231**  
Type: **SC 13G/A**

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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

SCHEDULE 13G  
Final Amendment

INFORMATION STATEMENT PURSUANT TO RULES 13d-1 AND 13d-2  
UNDER THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Centene Corporation

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(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock

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(Title of Class of Securities)

15135B101

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(CUSIP Number)

January 31, 2003

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(Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement)

Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed:

- Rule 13d-1(b)
- Rule 13d-1(c)
- Rule 13d-1(d)

SCHEDULE 13G

CUSIP No. 15135B101

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- 1) NAME OF REPORTING PERSON  
S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

Gilder, Gagnon, Howe & Co. LLC  
13-3174112

- 2) CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP (a)  (b)

- 3) SEC USE ONLY

- 4) CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

New York

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NUMBER  
OF  
SHARES  
BENEFICIALLY  
OWNED BY  
EACH  
REPORTING  
PERSON  
WITH

- 5) SOLE VOTING POWER

None

- 6) SHARED VOTING POWER

None

- 7) SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

None

- 8) SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

72,126

- 9) AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

72,126

- 10) CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES

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11) PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)

0.7%

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12) TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON

BD  
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Schedule 13G  
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Item 1(a). Name of Issuer:

Centene Corporation

Item 1(b). Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

7711 Carondelet Avenue - Suite 800  
St. Louis, MO 63105

Item 2(a). Name of Person Filing:

Gilder, Gagnon, Howe & Co. LLC

Item 2(b). Address of Principal Business Office or, if None, Residence:

1775 Broadway, 26th Floor  
New York, NY 10019

Item 2(c). Citizenship:

New York

Item 2(d). Title of Class of Securities:

Common Stock

Item 2(e). CUSIP Number:

15135B101

Item 3. If this statement is filed pursuant to ss.ss. 240.13d-1(b), or 240.13d-2(b) or (c), check whether the person filing is a:

- (a)  Broker or Dealer Registered Under Section 15 of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78o)
- (b)  Bank as defined in section 3(a)(6) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c)
- (c)  Insurance Company as defined in section 3(a)(19) of the Act (15 U.S.C. 78c)
- (d)  Investment Company registered under section 8 of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-8)
- (e)  Investment Adviser in accordance with ss. 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(E)
- (f)  Employee benefit plan or endowment fund in accordance with ss. 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(F)
- (g)  Parent Holding Company or control person in accordance with ss.240.13d-1(b)(ii)(G)

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- (h)  Savings Association as defined in ss.3(b) of the Federal Deposit Insurance Act (12 U.S.C. 1813)
- (i)  Church plan that is excluded from the definition of an investment company under ss.3(c)(15) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 (15 U.S.C. 80a-3)
- (j)  Group, in accordance with ss.240.13d-1(b)(ii)(J)

Item 4. Ownership.

- (a) Amount beneficially owned: 72,126
- (b) Percent of class: 0.7%
- (c) Number of shares as to which such person has:
  - (i) Sole power to vote or to direct the vote: None
  - (ii) Shared power to vote or to direct the vote: None
  - (iii) Sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: None
  - (iv) Shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 72,126

The shares reported include 72,126 shares held in customer accounts over which partners and/or employees of the Reporting Person have discretionary authority to dispose of or direct the disposition of the shares.

Item 5. Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class.

This statement is being filed to report the fact that as of the date hereof the reporting person has ceased to be the beneficial owner of more than five percent of the class of securities.

Item 6. Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person.

Not applicable

Item 7. Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company.

Not applicable

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Item 8. Identification and Classification of Members of the Group.

Not applicable

Item 9. Notice of Dissolution of Group.

Not applicable

Item 10. Certification.

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired for the purpose of and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of such securities and were not acquired in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purposes or effect.

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SIGNATURE

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After reasonable inquiry and to the best knowledge and belief of the undersigned, the undersigned certifies that the information set forth in this Statement is true, complete and correct.

February 10, 2003

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Date

/s/ Walter Weadock

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Signature

Walter Weadock, Member

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Name/Title