

UNITEDHEALTH GROUP INC
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BURKE RICHARD T

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O UNITEDHEALTH GROUP
 INCORPORATED, 9900 BREN
 ROAD EAST

(Street)

MINNETONKA, MN 55343

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
**UNITEDHEALTH GROUP INC
 [UNH]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
01/02/2010

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	01/02/2010		M	(A) 10,000 (1)	\$ 6.7188	2,540,683	D
Common Stock	01/04/2010		A	1,190 (2)	\$ 0	2,541,873	D
Common Stock						101,808	I by Spouse (3)

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 6.7188	01/02/2010		M	10,000	07/03/2000 01/03/2010	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BURKE RICHARD T C/O UNITEDHEALTH GROUP INCORPORATED 9900 BREN ROAD EAST MINNETONKA, MN 55343	X			

Signatures

By: Dannette L. Smith, Attorney-in-Fact For: Richard T. Burke
Date: 01/05/2010

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) The stock option grant was set to expire on January 3, 2010.
- (2) Represents deferred stock units that are granted as regular quarterly compensation for service as a director of UnitedHealth Group. Deferred stock units are immediately vested, but must be retained by the director until departure from the Board.
- (3) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the common stock of UnitedHealth Group Incorporated held by his spouse except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

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