

HEMSLEY STEPHEN J
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
HEMSLEY STEPHEN J

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/09/2010

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)
President & Chief Exec Officer

C/O UNITEDHEALTH GROUP INCORPORATED, 9900 BREN ROAD EAST

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

MINNETONKA, MN 55343

(City) (State) (Zip)

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)
			Code	V Amount or (D) Price			
Common Stock	02/09/2010		A	45,455 ⁽¹⁾ A \$ 0	2,286,927 ₍₂₎	D	
Common Stock	02/11/2010		M	1,200,000 A \$ 15.625	3,486,927	D	
Common Stock	02/11/2010		F	835,077 ₍₃₎ D \$ 33.12	2,651,850	D	
Common Stock					279	I	by 401(k)

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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)			6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title of Underlying Security (Instr. 3)
					V	(A)	(D)		
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 15.625	02/11/2010		M		1,200,000		03/08/2001 - 03/08/2010	Common Stock
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 33	02/09/2010		A		114,036		02/09/2011 ⁽⁴⁾ - 02/09/2020	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HEMSLEY STEPHEN J C/O UNITEDHEALTH GROUP INCORPORATED 9900 BREN ROAD EAST MINNETONKA, MN 55343	X		President & Chief Exec Officer	

Signatures

By: Dannette L. Smith, Attorney-in-Fact For: Stephen J Hemsley

02/11/2010

__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 restricted stock units will vest at a rate of 25% annually on February 9 from the years 2011 through 2014.
- (2) Amount does not include performance-based restricted stock units granted to the executive officer on February 9, 2010, as performance awards not tied to stock price are not derivative securities for purposes of Section 16 under guidance from the staff of the SEC. The number of performance-based restricted stock units that the executive officer will receive will be determined at the end of the 3-year performance period and will be dependent upon the achievement of cumulative 3-year EPS and average return-on-equity performance metrics approved by the Compensation and Human Resources Committee. The target number of

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performance-based restricted stock units is 90,910. Amount does include shares acquired under UnitedHealth Group's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

- (3) Represents a "net exercise" of an aggregate of 1,200,000 stock options where 835,077 shares were used to pay the exercise price and taxes, and the remaining net 364,923 shares were issued to and retained by Mr. Hemsley.
- (4) The stock appreciation rights vest at a rate of 25% annually on February 9 from the years 2011 through 2014.

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