

Mikan George Lawrence III
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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 *
 Mikan George Lawrence III

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)
 C/O UNITEDHEALTH GROUP, 9900 BREN ROAD EAST
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/17/2010

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 EVP and CFO

MINNETONKA, MN 55343

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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 Price		
Common Stock	12/17/2010		M		25,000 A \$ 20.06	130,335 ⁽¹⁾	D
Common Stock	12/17/2010		S		25,000 D \$ 35.255 ⁽²⁾	105,335 ⁽¹⁾	D
Common Stock						140	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) (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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Non-qualified stock option (right to buy)	\$ 20.06	12/17/2010		M	25,000	02/12/2004 - 02/12/2013	Common stock	25,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Mikan George Lawrence III C/O UNITEDHEALTH GROUP 9900 BREN ROAD EAST MINNETONKA, MN 55343			EVP and CFO	

Signatures

Dannette L. Smith, Attorney-in-Fact, for: George L. Mikan III
 12/20/2010
 **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) Includes shares and dividend shares received through UnitedHealth Group Incorporated's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
This transaction was executed in multiple trades ranging from \$35.20 to \$35.345 per share. The price reported above reflects the weighted average purchase price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transactions were effected.

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