

Mikan George Lawrence III
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(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)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 12/10/2009

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

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
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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 (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	12/10/2009		M	25,000 A \$ 18.1255	106,172	D	
Common Stock	12/10/2009		M	30,000 A \$ 22.11	136,172	D	
Common Stock	12/10/2009		M	30,000 A \$ 20.535	166,172	D	
Common Stock	12/10/2009		S	85,000 D \$ 30 ⁽¹⁾	81,172	D	
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Common
Stock

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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)		
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 18.1255	12/10/2009		M	25,000	01/07/2005 01/07/2012		Common Stock	25,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 20.535	12/10/2009		M	30,000	08/05/2003 08/05/2012		Common Stock	30,000
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.11	12/10/2009		M	30,000	08/05/2005 08/05/2012		Common Stock	30,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

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9900 BREN ROAD EAST
MINNETONKA, MN 55343

EVP & CFO

Signatures

By: Dannette L. Smith, Attorney-in-Fact For: George L. Mikan III

12/10/2009

__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).

This transaction was executed in multiple trades, each of which was at the price of \$30.00 per share. The reporting person hereby

(1) 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 in each transaction effected.

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