HEMSLEY STEPHEN J

Form 4

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * HEMSLEY STEPHEN J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

UNITEDHEALTH GROUP INC [UNH]

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

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

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

President & Chief Exec Officer

C/O UNITEDHEALTH GROUP, 9900 BREN ROAD EAST

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

12/13/2010

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

MINNETONKA, MN 55343

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tak	ole I - Non-	Derivative :	Secur	ities Acquire	ed, Disposed of, o	r Beneficially	Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	onDisposed o (Instr. 3, 4	f (D) and 5) (A) or		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	12/13/2010		Code V M	Amount 450,400	(D)	Price \$ 18.0475	3,103,155 (1)	D	
Common Stock	12/13/2010		S	450,400	D	\$ 37.0349 (2)	2,652,755 (1)	D	
Common Stock	12/14/2010		M	746,165	A	\$ 18.0475	3,398,920 (1)	D	
Common Stock	12/14/2010		S	746,165	D	\$ 36.7266 (3)	2,652,755 (1)	D	

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Common Stock	12/15/2010	M	3,435	A	\$ 18.0475	2,656,190 (1)	D	
Common Stock	12/15/2010	S	3,435	D	\$ 36.19	2,652,755 <u>(1)</u>	D	
Common Stock	12/14/2010	F	1,122 (4)	D	\$ 0	2,651,633 (1)	D	
Common Stock						282	I	by 401(k)

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. 5. Number of TransactionDerivative Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amou Underlying Securi (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo Nun Shai
Non-qualifies stock option (right to buy	\$ 18.0475	12/13/2010		M	450,400	(5)	01/17/2011	Common stock	450
Non-qualifies stock option (right to buy	\$ 18.0475	12/14/2010		M	746,165	<u>(5)</u>	01/17/2011	Common stock	746
Non-qualifies stock option (right to buy	\$ 18.0475	12/15/2010		M	3,435	<u>(5)</u>	01/17/2011	Common stock	3,

Reporting Owners

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

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Date

Signatures

Dannette L. Smith, Attorney-in-fact for: Stephen J. Hemsley 12/15/2010

**Signature of Reporting Person

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 \$37.00 to \$37.198 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.
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades ranging from \$36.50 to \$37.075 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.
- (4) Represents the cancellation of shares for the payment of a FICA tax liability.
- (5) The stock options vested at a rate of 25% annually on January 17 from the years 2002 through 2005.

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