

Sweere Lori
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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 *
 Sweere Lori

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)
 ___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 EVP, Human Capital

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 01/26/2011

MINNETONKA, MN 55343

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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(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 | 01/26/2011 | | M | | 5,000 | A | \$ 33.94 |
| Common Stock | 01/26/2011 | | M | | 14,141 | A | \$ 29.74 |
| Common Stock | 01/26/2011 | | F | | 16,191 | D | \$ 40.25 |
| Common Stock | 01/27/2011 | | S | | 2,950 | D | \$ 40.78 |

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Stock Appreciation Right | \$ 33.94 | 01/26/2011 | | M | 5,000 | ⁽²⁾ 06/05/2018 | Common Stock | 5,000 |
| Stock Appreciation Right | \$ 29.74 | 01/26/2011 | | M | 14,141 | ⁽³⁾ 02/23/2019 | Common Stock | 14,141 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Sweere Lori C/O UNITEDHEALTH GROUP 9900 BREN ROAD EAST MINNETONKA, MN 55343 | | | EVP, Human Capital | |

Signatures

Dannette L. Smith, Attorney-in-Fact for Lori Sweere
 01/28/2011
 **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 received through UnitedHealth Group Incorporated's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (2) The stock appreciation rights vest at a rate of 25% annually on June 5 from the years 2009 through 2012.
- (3) The stock appreciation rights vest at a rate of 25% annually on February 3 from the years 2010 through 2013.

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