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December 16, 2011

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **BURKE RICHARD T**

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

UNITEDHEALTH GROUP INC

(Check all applicable)

[UNH]

(Last) (First) (Middle)

(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

_X__ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner Other (specify

C/O UNITEDHEALTH 12/16/2011

GROUP, 9900 BREN ROAD EAST

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

(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	Secui	rities Acquir	ed, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y 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. Securit our Dispos (Instr. 3, 4	ed of (` ′	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	12/16/2011		M	10,000	A	\$ 17.605	2,518,970	D	
Common Stock	12/16/2011		S	10,000	D	\$ 49.1011 (1)	2,508,970	D	
Common Stock							85,808	I	by Spouse (2)

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)		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amou Underlying Securi (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5) (A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Nun of S
Non-qualified stock option (right to buy)	\$ 17.605	12/16/2011		M	10,000	07/02/2002	01/02/2012	Common Stock	10,

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
Reporting Owner Name / Address	

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BURKE RICHARD T C/O UNITEDHEALTH GROUP 9900 BREN ROAD EAST MINNETONKA, MN 55343

X

Signatures

Dannette L. Smith, Attorney-in-Fact for Richard T. Burke

12/16/2011

**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).
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades ranging from \$49.07 to \$49.16 per share. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale 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.
- (2) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the common stock of UnitedHealth Group Incorporated held by his spouse except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

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