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1(b). (Print or Type Resp	ponses)											
1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <u>*</u> RYAN ROBERT L			2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol UNITEDHEALTH GROUP INC [UNH]				5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)					
			3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 10/02/2006				X Director Officer (gi below)	ive titl		% Owner her (specify	r	
				f Amendment, Date Original ed(Month/Day/Year)				6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person				
MINNETONK	A, MN 55343	;						Form filed by Person	y Mor	e than One R	eporting	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Tab	ole I - Non-I	Derivative	Secur	ities A	cquired, Disposed	l of, a	or Beneficia	llv Owne	d
	ecurity (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if		Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or			5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. C For (D) (I)		7. Nature Indirect	e of al nip		
Reminder: Report	on a separate line	e for each cl	ass of sec	urities benef	ficially own	ned di	rectly c	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 Transaction Derivat Code Securities (Instr. 8) Acquired (A) or Disposed 6 (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)		6. Date Exercis Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Y	7. Title and Amour Underlying Securit (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amo or Num of Share
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 49.43	10/02/2006		А	5,000	10/02/2006	10/02/2016	Common Stock	5,0
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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address		Relationships						
FB	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
RYAN ROBERT L C/O UNITEDHEALTH GROUP INCORPORATE 9900 BREN ROAD EAST MINNETONKA, MN 55343	D _X							
Signatures								
By: David J. Lubben For: Robert L.								
Ryan 10/0	3/2006							
**Signature of Reporting Person	Date							

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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