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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Mikan George Lawrence III

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

UNITEDHEALTH GROUP INC

(Check all applicable)

EVP & CFO

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12/10/2009

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

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

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)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit or 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	12/10/2009		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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of or 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 Amou Underlying Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Am or Nu of S
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 18.1255	12/10/2009		M	25,000	01/07/2005	01/07/2012	Common Stock	25
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 20.535	12/10/2009		M	30,000	08/05/2003	08/05/2012	Common Stock	30
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 22.11	12/10/2009		M	30,000	08/05/2005	08/05/2012	Common Stock	30

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships					
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Mikan George Lawrence III C/O UNITEDHEALTH GROUP INCORPORATED 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

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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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