

Mikan George Lawrence III
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FORM 4

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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 *
 Mikan George Lawrence III

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)
 Exec VP & CFO

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 08/22/2008

MINNETONKA, MN 55343
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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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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. Code | 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|---------|---|---|--|--|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 08/22/2008 | | M | | 30,000 | A | \$ 14.175 |
| | | | | | | | 75,944 ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 08/22/2008 | | M | | 10,000 | A | \$ 16.625 |
| | | | | | | | 85,944 ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 08/22/2008 | | M | | 35,000 | A | \$ 17.3875 |
| | | | | | | | 120,944 ⁽¹⁾ |
| Common Stock | 08/22/2008 | | M | | 25,000 | A | \$ 18.1255 |
| | | | | | | | 145,944 ⁽¹⁾ |
| | 08/22/2008 | | S | | 100,000 | D | |
| | | | | | | | 45,944 ⁽¹⁾ |

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Common Stock \$ 30.2727
(2)

Common Stock 140 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. 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 Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 14.175 | 08/22/2008 | | M | 30,000 | 06/01/2002 ⁽³⁾ 06/01/2011 | Common Stock | |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 16.625 | 08/22/2008 | | M | 10,000 | 06/01/2002 ⁽³⁾ 06/01/2011 | Common Stock | |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 17.3875 | 08/22/2008 | | M | 35,000 | 01/07/2003 ⁽⁴⁾ 01/07/2012 | Common Stock | |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 18.1255 | 08/22/2008 | | M | 25,000 | 01/07/2003 ⁽⁴⁾ 01/07/2012 | Common Stock | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Mikan George Lawrence III C/O UNITEDHEALTH GROUP INCORPORATED 9900 BREN ROAD EAST | | | Exec VP & CFO | |

MINNETONKA, MN 55343

Signatures

Dannette L. Smith, Attorney-In-Fact For: George Lawrence
Mikan III

08/26/2008

__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 acquired under UnitedHealth Group's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

(2) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$30.25 to \$30.50. 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.

(3) The option is exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning 6/1/02.

(4) The option is exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning 1/7/03.

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