

Nelson Steven H
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**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 *
 Nelson Steven H

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 & CEO, UnitedHealthcare

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/12/2018

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4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount or Price		
Common Stock	02/12/2018		F		1,410 D \$ 225.69	16,030.188	D
Common Stock	02/13/2018		A		16,501 (1) A \$ 0	32,531.188	D
Common Stock	02/13/2018		F		7,525 (2) D \$ 226.64	25,006.188	D
Common Stock	02/13/2018		A		7,446 (3) A \$ 0	32,452.188 (4)	D

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 226.64	02/13/2018		A	39,781	(5) 02/13/2028	Common Stock	39,781

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Nelson Steven H C/O UNITEDHEALTH GROUP 9900 BREN ROAD EAST MINNETONKA, MN 55343			EVP & CEO, UnitedHealthcare	

Signatures

Faraz A. Choudhry, Attorney-in-Fact for Steven H. Nelson
Date: 02/14/2018

**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) Represents the settlement of Performance Share Awards for the performance period 2015-2017.
- (2) Represents the withholding of shares to satisfy tax obligations upon the settlement of Performance Share Awards for the performance period 2015-2017.
- (3) The restricted stock units vest at a rate of 25% annually on February 13 from the years 2019 through 2022.
- (4) Amount does not include Performance Share Awards granted to the executive officer on February 13, 2018, as performance awards not tied to stock price are not derivative securities for purposes of Section 16 under guidance from the staff of the SEC. The number of Performance Shares that the executive officer will receive will be determined at the end of the 3-year performance period and will be dependent upon the achievement of cumulative 3-year EPS and average return-on-equity performance metrics approved by the

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Compensation and Human Resources Committee. The target number of Performance Awards is 14,892.

(5) The stock options vest at a rate of 25% annually on February 13 from the years 2019 through 2022.

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