

Mikan George Lawrence III  
 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)  
 02/23/2009

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. 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 (D) Price  |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>     | 02/23/2009                           |  | A                              | 38,462 A \$ 0   | 84,406 <sup>(2)</sup>   | D  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 139   | 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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Stock Appreciation Rights                  | \$ 29.74   | 02/23/2009                           |  | A                              | 113,122   | 02/03/2010 <sup>(3)</sup> 02/23/2019                     | 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  
MINNETONKA, MN 55343

Exec VP & CFO

## Signatures

By: Dannette L. Smith, Attorney-in-Fact For: George L. Mikan III

02/24/2009

\_\_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) The restricted stock units will vest at a rate of 25% annually on February 3 from the years 2010 through 2013.

Amount does not include performance-based restricted stock units granted to the executive officer on February 23, 2009, 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-based restricted stock units 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 average EPS growth percentages and average return-on-equity performance metrics approved by the Compensation and Human Resources Committee. The target number of performance-based restricted stock units is 76,923. Amount does include shares acquired under UnitedHealth Group's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

(3) The stock appreciation rights vest at a rate of 25% annually on February 3 from the years 2010 through 2013.

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