UNITED THERAPEUTICS Corp Form S-8 POS February 28, 2012

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Registration No. 333-161995

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

POST-EFFECTIVE AMENDMENT NO. 1

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FORM S-8

REGISTRATION STATEMENT

UNDER

THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

United Therapeutics Corporation

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in the Charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) **52-1984749** (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

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1040 Spring Street Silver Spring, MD (Address of principal executive offices)

20910 (Zip Code)

UNITED THERAPEUTICS CORPORATION SHARE TRACKING AWARDS PLAN

(Full title of the plan)

Martine A. Rothblatt, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

United Therapeutics Corporation

1040 Spring Street

Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301) 608-9292

(Name, address and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

Copy to:

Stephen I. Glover, Esq. Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP 1050 Connecticut Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20036 (202) 955-8500 John S. Hess, Jr., Esq. Vice President and Associate General Counsel United Therapeutics Corporation 1735 Connecticut Avenue, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20009 (202) 483-7000

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer x

Accelerated filer o

Non-accelerated filer o (Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

Smaller reporting company o

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

United Therapeutics Corporation (the Company or the Registrant) is filing this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to its Registration Statement on Form S-8 (the Post-Effective Amendment) to deregister certain share tracking awards (the Awards) originally registered by the Company pursuant to its Registration Statement on Form S-8 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the Commission) on September 18, 2009, File No. 333-161995 (the 2009 Form S-8), for issuance in accordance with the terms of the United Therapeutics Share Tracking Awards Plan (the 2008 Plan). A total of 1,500,000 Awards were initially registered for issuance under the 2009 Form S-8, which number was automatically adjusted to 3,000,000 in accordance with the anti-dilution provisions of the 2008 Plan upon payment of the Company s two-for-one stock split on September 22, 2009. As of February 28, 2012, 418,154 Awards remained available for issuance under the 2009 Form S-8.

On February 1, 2012, the Company s Board of Directors (the Board), upon the recommendation of the Compensation Committee of the Board, approved an amendment to the 2008 Plan providing that no further Awards will be issued under the 2008 Plan after February 1, 2012 and that any Awards previously granted under the 2008 Plan that are forfeited, canceled or expired will not be available for future grant under the 2008 Plan. As a result, all 418,154 Awards that remain available for issuance under the 2008 Plan will never be issued (collectively, the Deregistered Awards).

The Deregistered Awards are hereby deregistered. The 2009 Form S-8, as amended, otherwise continues in effect as to the balance of the Awards remaining available for offer or sale pursuant thereto.

Contemporaneously with the filing of this Post-Effective Amendment, the Registrant is filing a Registration Statement on Form S-8 (the 2012 Form S-8) to register additional Awards under the 2011 United Therapeutics Share Tracking Awards Plan. In accordance with Rule 457(p) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, the Registrant will carry over the registration fees paid with respect to the Deregistered Awards to offset the registration fees due in connection with the 2012 Form S-8.

Item 8. Exhibits

Exhibit No.

Description

24 Power of Attorney (included on signature page)*

* Filed herewith

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, the Company certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Post-Effective Amendment No. 1 to Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Silver Spring, State of Maryland, on this 28th day of February, 2012.

UNITED THERAPEUTICS CORPORATION

By: /s/ Martine A. Rothblatt Martine A. Rothblatt, Ph.D. Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints Martine A. Rothblatt, Ph.D., John Ferrari and Paul A. Mahon, and each of them, with full power of substitution and full power to act without the others, his or her true and lawful attorney-in-fact and agent, to act for him or her and in his or her name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign this Registration Statement on Form S-8 any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) to this Registration Statement and any subsequent registration statement the Company may hereafter file with the Commission pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act to register additional Awards, and to file this Registration Statement and any subsequent registration statement and all amendments thereto, with all exhibits thereto, and other documents in connection therewith, with the Commission, granting unto such attorneys-in-fact and agents, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing requisite and necessary to be done in and about the premises, as fully to all intents and purposes as he might or could do, and hereby ratifies and confirms all his said attorneys-in-fact and agents, or his substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof. This Power of Attorney may be signed in any number of counterparts, each of which shall constitute an original and all of which, taken together, shall constitute one Power of Attorney.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, this Registration Statement has been signed below by the following persons in the capacities and on the date indicated.

| Name | Title | Date |
|-----------------------------|---|-------------------|
| /s/ Martine A. Rothblatt | Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer | February 28, 2012 |
| Martine A. Rothblatt, Ph.D. | (Principal Executive Officer) | |

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| Name | Title | Date |
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| /s/ John Ferrari John M. Ferrari | Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer (Principal Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer) | February 28, 2012 |
| /s/ Roger Jeffs Roger A. Jeffs, Ph.D. | President, Chief Operating Officer and Director | February 28, 2012 |
| /s/ Christopher Causey Christopher Causey | Director | February 28, 2012 |
| /s/ Raymond A. Dwek Raymond A. Dwek, F.R.S. | Director | February 28, 2012 |
| /s/ Richard Giltner Richard Giltner | Director | February 28, 2012 |
| /s/ R. Paul Gray R. Paul Gray | Director | February 28, 2012 |
| /s/ Raymond Kurzweil Raymond Kurzweil | Director | February 28, 2012 |
| /s/ Christopher Patusky Christopher Patusky | Director | February 28, 2012 |
| /s/ Louis W. Sullivan Louis W. Sullivan, M.D. | Director | February 28, 2012 |
| /s/ Tommy Thompson Tommy Thompson | Director | February 28, 2012 |

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