Tuckson Reed Vaughn Form 4 December 22, 2011

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

(Last)

(City)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Tuckson Reed Vaughn

(First)

GROUP, 9900 BREN ROAD EAST

(State)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

UNITEDHEALTH GROUP INC [UNH]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

12/21/2011

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Middle)

(Zip)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

EVP & Chief of Medical Affairs

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

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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. Securit on(A) or Dis (Instr. 3, 4)	sposed	of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	12/21/2011		A	77.996 (1)	A	\$ 0	109,524.382 (2)	D	
Common Stock	12/21/2011		F	594 (3)	D	\$ 49.99	108,930.382 (2)	D	
Common Stock							57.8047	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 Conversion or Exercise (Instr. 3) Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	5. DrNumber of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed		ate	7. Titl Amou Under Securi (Instr.	nt of lying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans
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			Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
Tuckson Reed Vaughn			EVP &				
C/O UNITEDHEALTH GROUP			Chief of				
9900 BREN ROAD EAST			Medical				
MINNETONKA, MN 55343			Affairs				

Signatures

Dannette L. Smith, Attorney-in-Fact for: Reed V. 12/22/2011 **Tuckson**

> **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).
- Represents payment of dividend equivalents on outstanding restricted stock units. The dividend equivalents are subject to the same terms **(1)** as the underlying restricted stock units and are forfeited if the related award does not vest.
- (2) Includes shares received through UnitedHealth Group Incorporated's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (3) Represents the cancellation of shares for the payment of a FICA tax liability.

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