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| (Print or Type | Responses) | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | Symbol | | | d Ticker or T | | | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | | | |
| | | UNITEDHEALTH GROUP INC [UNH] | | | | | | (Check all applicable) | | | | |
| | | | | Date of Earliest Transaction /onth/Day/Year) | | | | | Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) | | | |
| | EDHEALTH 900 BREN ROAI | O EAST | 02/07/2 | 2012 | | | | | below) EVP, Un | below) itedHealth Gro | oup | |
| | (Street) | | | endment, onth/Day/Y | | ate Original r) | | | 6. Individual or Joi Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by Ou | ne Reporting Pe | rson | |
| MINNETC | ONKA, MN 55343 | 3 | | | | | | | Form filed by Mo Person | ore than One Re | porting | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Tab | ole I - No | n-I | Derivative S | ecurit | ties Acqu | ired, Disposed of, | or Beneficial | ly Owned | |
| 1.Title of Security (Instr. 3) | Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if Transa | | | | ransactionor Disposed of (D) ode (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) nstr. 8) (A) | | | | Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) | 6.7. Nature of IndirectOwnershipIndirectForm:BeneficialDirect (D)Ownership or Indirect(I)(Instr. 4) | | |
| | | | | Code | v | Amount | or (D) | Price | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | |
| Common Stock | 02/07/2012 | | | А | | 38,440 (1) | А | \$ 52.03 | 216,162.546 | D | | |
| Common Stock | 02/07/2012 | | | А | | 153,846 (2) | А | \$0 | 370,008.546 | D | | |
| Common Stock | 02/07/2012 | | | F | | 65,693 (<u>3)</u> | D | \$ 52.03 | 304,315.546 (4) | D | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | | 290.6256 | Ι | 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) | 4. Transactio Code (Instr. 8) | 5. of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | | ate | Secur | ınt of rlying | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Nu Deriv Secu Bene Owno Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
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| | | | Code V | | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | | |
| MUNSELL WILLIAM A C/O UNITEDHEALTH GROUP 9900 BREN ROAD EAST MINNETONKA, MN 55343 | | | EVP, UnitedHealth Group | | | | | |
| Signatures | | | | | | | | |

Dannette L. Smith, Attorney-in-Fact for: William A. Munsell

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

02/09/2012

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 33% on December 28, 2012; February 7, 2014; and February 7, 2015.
- (2) Represents the settlement of Performance Share Awards for the performance period 2009-2011.
- (3) Represents the withholding of shares to satisfy tax obligations upon the settlement of Performance Share Awards for the performance period 2009-2011.
- (4) Amount does not include performance-based restricted stock units granted to the executive officer on February 7, 2012, 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 cumulative 3-year EPS and average return-on-equity performance

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metrics approved by the Compensation and Human Resources Committee. The target number of performance-based restricted stock units is 38,440.

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