

CNO Financial Group, Inc.
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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 *
 Nickele Christopher J

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 11825 N. PENNSYLVANIA STREET
 (Street)

CARMEL, IN 46032

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 CNO Financial Group, Inc. [CNO]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/23/2016

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 EVP and Chief Actuary

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
				Code	V	Amount		
Common Stock	02/23/2016		A		19,833	A	① 83,451	D
Common Stock	02/23/2016		A		16,520	A	② 99,971	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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8.
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options	\$ 17.38	02/23/2016		A	71,400	<u>(3)</u> 02/23/2026	Common Stock	71,400

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Nickele Christopher J 11825 N. PENNSYLVANIA STREET CARMEL, IN 46032			EVP and Chief Actuary	

Signatures

Karl W. Kindig,
 Attorney-in-Fact 02/25/2016

 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) These shares were acquired upon vesting of performance share units for the 2013-2015 performance period, based on the Issuer's average operating return on equity and relative total shareholder return over that period.
- (2) Restricted stock with shares vesting in three equal annual installments commencing March 25, 2017.
- (3) One-half of these options vests on February 23, 2018 and the other one-half vests on February 23, 2019.

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