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UNITEDHEALTH GROUP INC Form 4 December 22, 2011 OMB APPROVAL FORM 4 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION OMB 3235-0287 Washington, D.C. 20549 Number: Check this box January 31, Expires: if no longer 2005 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF subject to Estimated average **SECURITIES** Section 16. burden hours per Form 4 or response... 0.5 Form 5 Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, obligations Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section may continue. 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940 See Instruction 1(b). (Print or Type Responses) 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading BURKE RICHARD T Issuer Symbol UNITEDHEALTH GROUP INC (Check all applicable) [UNH] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Last) (First) (Middle) X_ Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify (Month/Day/Year) below) below) C/O UNITEDHEALTH 12/21/2011 **GROUP, 9900 BREN ROAD EAST** (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person _ Form filed by More than One Reporting MINNETONKA, MN 55343 Person (City) (State) (Zip) Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned 1.Title of 5. Amount of 2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed 3. 4. Securities 6. Ownership 7. Nature of Security (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if TransactionAcquired (A) or Securities Form: Direct Indirect (Instr. 3) anv Code Disposed of (D) Beneficially (D) or Beneficial (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) Indirect (I) Ownership (Month/Day/Year) (Instr. 8) Owned (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4) Following Reported (A) Transaction(s) or (Instr. 3 and 4) Price Code V Amount (D) Common 12/21/2011 32 (1) \$0 Α Α 2,509,002 D Stock Common by Spouse 85,808 I (2) Stock

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. Transact Code (Instr. 8) | 5. ionNumber of Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | ; | ate | Secur | int of rlying | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Nu Deriv Secur Bene Owne Follo Repo Trans (Instr |
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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 | | | | | | |
| BURKE RICHARD T C/O UNITEDHEALTH GROUP 9900 BREN ROAD EAST MINNETONKA, MN 55343 | Х | | | | | | | | | |
| Signatures | | | | | | | | | | |
| Dannette L. Smith, Attorney-in-Fa Burke | | 12/22/2011 | | | | | | | | |

**Signature of Reporting Person

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) Represents dividend equivalents paid on vested deferred stock units.
- (2) The reporting person disclaims beneficial ownership of the common stock of UnitedHealth Group Incorporated held by his spouse except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein.

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