

WELTERS ANTHONY
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FORM 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
WELTERS ANTHONY

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
UNITEDHEALTH GROUP INC
[UNH]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
02/09/2010

____ Director
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP & Pres Public & Sr Mkts Grp

C/O UNITEDHEALTH GROUP
INCORPORATED, 9900 BREN
ROAD EAST

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

MINNETONKA, MN 55343

(City) (State) (Zip)

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)
Common Stock	02/09/2010		A	(A) or (D) Amount 30,304 (1)	\$ 0 131,613 (2)	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)

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Stock Appreciation Rights	\$ 33	02/09/2010		A	76,024	02/09/2011 ⁽³⁾ 02/09/2020	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
WELTERS ANTHONY C/O UNITEDHEALTH GROUP INCORPORATED 9900 BREN ROAD EAST MINNETONKA, MN 55343			EVP & Pres Public & Sr Mkts Grp	

Signatures

By: Christopher J. Walsh, Attorney-in-Fact For: Anthony Walters
Date: 02/11/2010

**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) The restricted stock units will vest at a rate of 25% annually on February 9 from the years 2011 through 2014.
Amount does not include performance-based restricted stock units granted to the executive officer on February 9, 2010, 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 metrics approved by the Compensation and Human Resources Committee. The target number of performance-based restricted stock units is 60,607. Amount does include shares acquired under UnitedHealth Group's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (2) The stock appreciation rights will vest at a rate of 25% annually on February 9 from the years 2011 through 2014.
- (3) The stock appreciation rights will vest at a rate of 25% annually on February 9 from the years 2011 through 2014.

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