Walsh Christopher James Form 4 February 22, 2011

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Walsh Christopher James

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

UNITEDHEALTH GROUP INC

(Check all applicable)

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(Middle)

(Last) (First) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director 10% Owner Other (specify

(Month/Day/Year)

02/17/2011

X_ Officer (give title below) EVP and General Counsel

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)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

MINNETONKA, MN 55343

(City)

(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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securit or Dispos (Instr. 3, 4	ed of (` '	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	02/17/2011		M	10,000	A	\$ 29.74	97,269	D		
Common Stock	02/17/2011		F	8,272	D	\$ 42.59	88,997	D		
Common Stock	02/18/2011		S	1,728	D	\$ 42.6153	87,269	D		

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	Secu Acqu or Di (D)	umber of vative rities uired (A) isposed of r. 3, 4,	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	and 5	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Numbe of Shar
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 29.74	02/17/2011		M		10,000	(2)	02/03/2019	Common Stock	10,00

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Walsh Christopher James C/O UNITEDHEALTH GROUP INCORPORATED 9900 BREN ROAD EAST MINNETONKA, MN 55343

EVP and General Counsel

Signatures

Dannette L. Smith, Attorney-in-Fact for Christopher J. Walsh

02/22/2011

**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).
- This transaction was executed in multiple trades ranging from \$42.56 to \$42.66 per share. The price reported above reflects the weighted average purchase price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transactions were effected.
- (2) The stock appreciation rights vest at a rate of 25% annually on February 3 from the years 2010 through 2013.

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Date