WELTERS ANTHONY

Form 4

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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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Stock

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * **WELTERS ANTHONY**

(First)

(Street)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

UNITEDHEALTH GROUP INC

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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4. If Amendment, Date Original

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

Director 10% Owner _X__ Officer (give title Other (specify below)

12/13/2011

GROUP, 9900 BREN ROAD EAST

(Middle)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

EVP, UnitedHealth Group

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

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MINNETONKA, MN 55343

C/O UNITEDHEALTH

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Tak	ole I - Non-	Derivative	Secu	rities Acqui	red, Disposed of,	or Beneficiall	y 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	12/13/2011		M	40,000	A	\$ 33.94	154,656.281	D	
Common Stock	12/13/2011		F	33,160	D	\$ 48.2	121,496.281	D	
Common Stock	12/13/2011		M	51,562	A	\$ 29.74	173,058.281	D	
Common Stock	12/13/2011		F	40,148	D	\$ 48.2	132,910.281	D	
Common	12/14/2011		S	18,254	D	\$	114,656.281	D	

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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. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of or 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 Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amour or Number of Shar
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 33.94	12/13/2011		M	40,000	(2)	06/05/2018	Common Stock	40,00
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 29.74	12/13/2011		M	51,562	(3)	02/23/2019	Common Stock	51,56

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships						
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other			
WELTERS ANTHONY C/O UNITEDHEALTH GROUP 9900 BREN ROAD EAST MINNETONKA, MN 55343			EVP, UnitedHealth Group				

Signatures

Dannette L. Smith, Attorney-in-Fact for Anthony 12/15/2011 Welters

> **Signature of Reporting Person Date

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This transaction was executed in multiple trades ranging from \$48.16 to \$48.17 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 June 5 from the years 2009 through 2012.
- (3) The stock appreciation rights vest at a rate of 25% annually on February 3 from the years 2010 through 2013.

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