UNITEDHEALTH GROUP INC

Form 4

February 10, 2017

FORM 4

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

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

SECURITIES

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1(b).

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See Instruction

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SHORT MARIANNE D | 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) C/O UNITEDHEALTH GROUP, 9900 BREN ROAD EAST | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 02/08/2017 | Director 10% OwnerX Officer (give title Other (specify below) EVP & Chief Legal Officer | | |
| (Street) MINNETONKA, MN 55343 | 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 Person | | |

| (City) | (State) | (Zip) Tabl | le I - Non-l | Derivative | Secur | rities Acqui | ired, 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securit or Dispos (Instr. 3, 4 | ed of (4 and 5 | ` ′ | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| | | | Code V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | (Instr. 4) | |
| Common Stock | 02/08/2017 | | A | 5,646 (1) | A | \$ 0 | 76,489.346 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/08/2017 | | A | 29,472 (2) | A | \$0 | 105,961.346 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/08/2017 | | F | 14,206 (3) | D | \$ 160.31 | 91,755.346 | D | |
| Common Stock | 02/09/2017 | | F | 855 | D | \$ 160.44 | 90,900.346 (4) | 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 orDerivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | | 7. Title and Amour Underlying Securit (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|--|--------------------|--|---------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amo or Num of Sh |
| Non-Qualified Stock Options (right to buy) | \$ 160.31 | 02/08/2017 | | A | 31,539 | (5) | 02/08/2027 | Common Stock | 31,5 |

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SHORT MARIANNE D C/O UNITEDHEALTH GROUP 9900 BREN ROAD EAST MINNETONKA, MN 55343

EVP & Chief Legal Officer

Signatures

Amy L. Schneider, Attorney-in-Fact for Marianne D. Short

02/10/2017

**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 8 from the years 2018 through 2021.
- (2) Represents the settlement of Performance Share Awards for the performance period 2014-2016.
- (3) Represents the withholding of shares to satisfy tax obligations upon the settlement of Performance Share Awards for the performance period 2014-2016.
- (4) Amount does not include Performance Share Awards granted to the executive officer on February 8, 2017, 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 Shares 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

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Compensation and Human Resources Committee. The target number of Performance Shares is 11,291.

(5) The stock options vest at a rate of 25% annually on February 8 from the years 2018 through 2021.

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