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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

See Instruction

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * SHEEHY ROBERT J

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Issuer

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Symbol

UNITEDHEALTH GROUP INC

(Check all applicable)

[UNH]

(Last)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

(Month/Day/Year) 12/07/2004

below) CEO, UnitedHealthcare

C/O UNITEDHEALTH GROUP INCORPORATED, 9900 BREN ROAD EAST

(Street)

(First)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

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 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

(A)

Reported Transaction(s)

Code V Amount (D) Price

(Instr. 3 and 4)

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5. Number of	6. Date Exer	6. Date Exercisable and		7. Title and Amou	
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	TransactionDerivative		Expiration I	Expiration Date		Underlying Secur	
Security	or Exercise		any	Code	Securities (Month/		/Year)	(Instr. 3 and 4)		
(Instr. 3)	Price of		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A)	or				
	Derivative				Disposed of (I	O)				
	Security				(Instr. 3, 4, an	d				
					5)					
				Code V	7 (A) (I	D) Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Am Nui Sha	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 79.7	12/07/2004		A	103,000	<u>(1)</u>	12/07/2014	Common Stock	10	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

SHEEHY ROBERT J C/O UNITEDHEALTH GROUP INCORPORATED 9900 BREN ROAD EAST MINNETONKA, MN 55343

CEO, UnitedHealthcare

Signatures

By: David J. Lubben For: Robert J. Sheehy 12/09/2004

**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 option is exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning 12/7/05.

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