

CNO FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.

Reported by
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FORM 4

(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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| Address | 11825 N PENNSYLVANIA ST CARMEL, IN 46032 |
| Telephone | 3178176100 |
| CIK | 0001224608 |
| Symbol | CNO |
| SIC Code | 6321 - Accident and Health Insurance |
| Industry | Insurance (Life) |
| Sector | Financial |
| Fiscal Year | 12/31 |

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

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Section 17(a) of the Public
Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(f) of the Investment
Company Act of 1940

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) |
| Nickele Christopher J | CNO Financial Group, Inc. [CNO] | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) Pres, Other CNO Business |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) | |
| 11825 N. PENNSYLVANIA STREET | 5/18/2012 | |
| (Street) | 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY) | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) |
| CARMEL, IN 46032 | | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |
| (City) (State) (Zip) | | |

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Trans. Date | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 3. Trans. 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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|------------------------------------|-------------------|---|---------------------------------|---|---|---------------|--------|---|---|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price | | | |
| Common Stock | 5/18/2012 | | P | | 1500 | A | \$6.45 | 179295 | D | |

Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g. , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Trans. Date | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any | 4. Trans. 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 | | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
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| | | | | Code | V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |

Explanation of Responses:

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Nickele Christopher J 11825 N. PENNSYLVANIA STREET CARMEL, IN 46032 | | | Pres, Other CNO Business | |

Signatures

Karl W. Kindig, Attorney-in-Fact

5/18/2012

** Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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