#### UNITEDHEALTH GROUP

# STANDARDS FOR DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE (November 3, 2022)

The UnitedHealth Group Board of Directors (the "Board") will be composed of a majority of directors who are independent and its governance, compensation and audit committees will be composed entirely of directors who are independent for purposes of the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") Corporate Governance Rules. For a director to be deemed "independent," the Board will affirmatively determine, based on all relevant facts and circumstances, that the director has no material relationship with UnitedHealth Group Incorporated (together with its subsidiaries, the "Company"), either directly or as a director, partner, shareholder and/or officer of an entity that has a relationship with the Company. The Company will identify which directors are independent and disclose the basis for that determination in its annual proxy statement for the election of directors. The Board, pursuant to the recommendation of its nominating committee, has adopted the following guidelines to assist in determining independence.

## **Material Relationships With The Company**

A director will be deemed to have a material relationship with the Company and not be considered independent, if any of the following apply:

- The director is, or has been within the last three years, employed by the Company, or an
  immediate family member is, or has been within the last three years, an executive officer of
  the Company;
- The director, or an immediately family member, has received during any twelve-month period within the last three years more than \$120,000 in direct compensation from the Company, other than director and committee fees and pension or other forms of deferred compensation for prior service (provided that such compensation is not in any way contingent on continued service)<sup>1</sup>;
- (A) The director or an immediate family member is a current partner of a firm that is the
  Company's internal or external auditor; (B) the director is a current employee of such a firm;
  (C) the director has an immediate family member who is a current employee of such a firm
  and who personally works on the Company's audit; or (D) the director or an immediate
  family member was within the last three years (but is no longer) a partner or employee of
  such a firm and personally worked on the Company's audit within that time;
- The director or an immediate family member is, or has been within the last three years, employed as an executive officer of another company where any of the Company's present executive officers at the same time serves or served on that company's compensation committee; and
- The director is a current employee, or an immediate family member is a current executive officer, of an entity that has made payments to, or received payments from, the Company for property or services in an amount which, in any of the last three fiscal years, exceeds the greater of \$1 million or 2% of the other company's consolidated gross revenues<sup>2</sup>.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Pursuant to NYSE rules and under these Standards for Director Independence, compensation received by an immediate family member for service as an employee of the Company (other than as an executive officer) need not be considered in determining independence.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Consistent with NYSE rules and under these Standards for Director Independence, contributions to tax exempt organizations need not be considered payments for purposes of determining independence under this provision.

### Material Relationships With An Executive Officer

Consistent with the expectation that non-employee directors will not have professional or financial relationships (including side-by-side investments) that could impair their independence, a director will be deemed to have a material relationship with the Company and not be considered independent, if any of the following apply:

- The director receives, or has an immediate family member who receives, any direct compensation from an executive officer or any immediate family member of an executive officer of the Company;
- An entity affiliated with the director or with an immediate family member receives any
  payment from any executive officer of the Company, other than in a routine, commercial or
  consumer transaction with terms no more favorable than those customarily offered to
  similarly-situated persons;
- The director or an immediate family member receives, or is affiliated with an entity that
  receives, any payment, whether direct or indirect, for legal, accounting, financial or other
  professional services provided to an executive officer of the Company or an immediate
  family member of an executive officer; and
- The director or an immediate family member is a current executive officer of a tax-exempt organization that receives contributions from an executive officer of the Company, in an amount which exceeds the lesser of \$50,000 or 1% of the tax exempt organization's consolidated gross revenues in that fiscal year.

## Relationships That Are Not Material

A director generally will not be deemed to have a material relationship with the Company that would preclude him or her from being deemed to be independent solely because of the existence of any of the following relationships:

- A transaction in which the director's interest arises solely from the director's position as a
  director or advisory director (or similar position) of another corporation or organization that
  is a party to the transaction, and the director did not participate in furtherance or approval
  of the transaction and the transaction was negotiated on an arms length basis;
- A transaction in which the director's interest arises solely from the director's ownership of
  an equity or limited partnership interest in the other party to the transaction, so long as the
  aggregate ownership of all directors, director nominees, executive officers and 5%
  shareholders of the Company (together with their immediate family members) does not
  exceed 5% of the equity or partnership interests in that other party;
- A relationship arising solely from the director's status as an employee or non-controlling equity owner of a company to which the Company was indebted at the end of the Company's last full fiscal year in an aggregate amount not in excess of 5% of the Company's total consolidated assets;
- The director, or an organization of which the director is an executive officer or in a similar
  position, purchasing health care services from the Company on terms no more favorable to
  the director or such organization than those customarily offered to similarly-situated
  persons who are not directors or executive officers of the Company;

- Ownership by the director of equity or other securities of the Company, as long as the director is not the beneficial owner, directly or indirectly, of more than 10% of any class of the Company's equity securities;
- The receipt by the director of compensation for service as a member of the Board of Directors or any committee thereof, including regular benefits received by other outside directors;
- Any other relationship or transaction that is not listed above and in which the amount involved does not exceed \$50,000;
- Any immediate family member of the director having any of the above relationships; and
- Any relationship between the Company and a non-immediate family member of the director.

### **Definitions**

For purposes of these standards:

- "Executive officer" means an "officer" within the meaning of Rule 16a-1(f) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- "Immediate family" means spouse, parents, children, siblings, mothers- and fathers-in-law, sons- and daughters-in-law, brothers- and sisters-in-law and anyone (other than employees) sharing a person's home. When applying the look-back provision in Section 303A.02(b) of the NYSE's Corporate Governance Rules, the Company need not consider any person who is no longer an immediate family member as a result of legal separation or divorce, or death or incapacitation.

The Board shall undertake an annual review of the independence of all non-employee directors. In advance of the meeting at which this review occurs, each non-employee director shall be asked to provide the Board with full information regarding the director's business and other relationships with the Company and its affiliates and with senior management and their affiliates to enable the Board to evaluate the director's independence.

Directors have an affirmative obligation to inform the Board of any material changes in their circumstances or relationships that may impact their designation by the Board as "independent." This obligation includes all business relationships between, on the one hand directors or members of their immediate family, and, on the other hand, the Company and its affiliates or members of senior management and their affiliates, whether or not such business relationships are subject to any other approval requirements of the Company.