

Stecher Steven M
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Stecher Steven M

(Last) (First) (Middle)

11825 N. PENNSYLVANIA STREET

(Street)

CARMEL, IN 46032

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
CNO Financial Group, Inc. [CNO]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/08/2013

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
Pres., Washington National

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially 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. 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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Price | | |
| Common Stock | 03/08/2013 | | M | 60,000 A | \$ 10.55 | 246,750 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/08/2013 | | S | 60,000 D | \$ 11.341 | 186,750 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/08/2013 | | M | 41,550 A | \$ 7.38 | 228,300 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/08/2013 | | S | 41,550 D | \$ 11.341 | 186,750 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/08/2013 | | F | 4,265 D | \$ 11.33 (1) | 182,485 | 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. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities | | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|------------------------------------|--------------------|--|---|-------------------------------|
| | | | | | Acquired (A) | or Disposed of (D) | | | |
| Stock Options | \$ 10.55 | 03/08/2013 | | M | V | 60,000 | (2) 04/01/2013 | Common Stock | 60,000 |
| Stock Options | \$ 7.38 | 03/08/2013 | | M | V | 41,550 | (3) 03/08/2018 | Common Stock | 41,550 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|----------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Stecher Steven M 11825 N. PENNSYLVANIA STREET CARMEL, IN 46032 | | | Pres., Washington National | |

Signatures

Karl W. Kindig, Attorney-in-Fact 03/12/2013

**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) Shares were surrendered to CNO Financial Group, Inc. to cover required tax withholding on vesting of restricted stock.
- (2) One-half of these options vested on April 1, 2010 and the other one-half vested on April 1, 2011.
- (3) One-half of these options vested on March 8, 2013 and the other one-half vests on March 8, 2014.

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