

Stecher Steven M  
Form 4  
May 31, 2012

**FORM 4**

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

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1(b).

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

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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)

05/29/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_X\_\_ Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)

Pres., Washington National

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_X\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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Person

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

| 1. Title of<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of (D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I)<br>(Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of<br>Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                       |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V                                                                       | Amount                                                                                                             | (A)<br>or<br>(D)                                                        | Price                                                             |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 05/29/2012                              |                                                             | M                                    |                                                                         | 21,750                                                                                                             | A                                                                       | \$ 1.13 182,481                                                   |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 05/29/2012                              |                                                             | S                                    |                                                                         | 21,750                                                                                                             | D                                                                       | \$ 6.79 160,731                                                   |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 05/29/2012                              |                                                             | M                                    |                                                                         | 20,000                                                                                                             | A                                                                       | \$ 3.05 180,731                                                   |
| Common<br>Stock                       | 05/29/2012                              |                                                             | S                                    |                                                                         | 20,000                                                                                                             | D                                                                       | \$ 6.8472 160,731                                                 |

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<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date, if<br>any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction<br>Code<br>(Instr. 8) | 5. Number of<br>Derivative<br>Securities<br>Acquired (A)<br>or Disposed of<br>(D)<br>(Instr. 3, 4,<br>and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                    | 7. Title and Amount of<br>Underlying Securities<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares |
|-----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
|                                                     |                                                                    |                                         |                                                             | Code                                 | V (A) (D)                                                                                                    | Date<br>Exercisable                                            | Expiration<br>Date | Title                                                               | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of Shares    |
| Stock<br>Option                                     | \$ 1.13                                                            | 05/29/2012                              |                                                             | M                                    | 21,750                                                                                                       | <u>(1)</u>                                                     | 04/02/2014         | Common<br>Stock                                                     | 21,750                                 |
| Stock<br>Option                                     | \$ 3.05                                                            | 05/29/2012                              |                                                             | M                                    | 20,000                                                                                                       | <u>(2)</u>                                                     | 05/12/2014         | Common<br>Stock                                                     | 20,000                                 |

## Reporting Owners

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

## Signatures

Karl W. Kindig,  
Attorney-in-Fact 05/31/2012

\_\_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) One-half of these options vested on April 2, 2011 and the other one-half vested on April 2, 2012.

(2) One-half of these options vested on May 12, 2011 and the other one-half vested on May 12, 2012.

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