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

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**FORM S-8  
REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

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**CNO FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)  
**11825 N. Pennsylvania Street, Carmel, Indiana**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**75-3108137**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)  
**46032**  
(Zip Code)

**CNO Financial Group, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan**  
(Full title of the plan)

**Karl W. Kindig**  
**CNO Financial Group, Inc.**  
**11825 N. Pennsylvania Street**  
**Carmel, Indiana 46032**  
(Name and address of agent for service)  
**(317) 817-6708**  
(Telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company or an emerging growth company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company" and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer       Accelerated filer       Non-accelerated filer       Smaller reporting company       Emerging growth company

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 7(a)(2)(B) of the Securities Act.

**CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE**

Title of securities to be registered (1)	Amount to be registered (2)	Proposed maximum offering price per share	Proposed maximum aggregate offering price	Amount of registration fee
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share (including associated preferred stock purchase rights) ("Common Stock")	1,600,000	\$20.09 (3)	\$32,136,000	\$4,000.93

- (1) The Common Stock includes associated preferred stock purchase rights, which (a) are not currently separable from the shares of Common Stock and (b) are not currently exercisable.
  - (2) Pursuant to Rule 416 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the "Securities Act"), this Registration Statement shall be deemed to cover such indeterminable number of shares of Common Stock as may become issuable with respect to any of the registered shares pursuant to anti-dilution provisions in the CNO Financial Group, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the "Plan").
  - (3) Estimated pursuant to Rule 457(c) and Rule 457(h) under the Securities Act solely for purposes of calculating the aggregate offering price and the amount of the registration fee based upon the average of the high and low prices of the Common Stock reported on the New York Stock Exchange on May 3, 2018.
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## PART I

### INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE SECTION 10(A) PROSPECTUS

All information required by Part I to be contained in the prospectus is omitted from this Registration Statement in accordance with Rule 428 under the Securities Act and the “Note” to Part I of Form S-8.

## PART II

### INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

#### **Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.**

The following documents previously filed by CNO Financial Group, Inc. (“CNO” or the “Company”) with the Securities and Exchange Commission (“SEC”) are incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement:

- the Company’s annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2017 (including the portions of our Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A for our 2018 annual meeting of stockholders filed with the SEC on March 28, 2018 that are incorporated by reference therein);
- the Company’s quarterly report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2018;
- the Company’s current report on Form 8-K filed on May 9, 2018; and
- description of the Company’s Common Stock contained in the Company’s Registration Statement on Form 8-A, filed with the SEC on September 10, 2003, including all amendments or reports filed for purposes of updating the description included therein.

All documents subsequently filed by the Company pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”), prior to the filing of a post-effective amendment which indicates that all securities offered by this Registration Statement have been sold or which deregisters all securities then remaining unsold, shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement and to be a part hereof from the date of filing of those documents.

Any statement contained in a document incorporated or deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement shall be deemed to be modified or superseded for purposes of this Registration Statement to the extent that a statement contained in this Registration Statement or in any other subsequently filed document which also is or is deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement modifies or supersedes that statement. Any statement so modified or superseded shall not be deemed, except as so modified or superseded, to constitute a part of this Registration Statement.

#### **Item 4. Description of Securities.**

Not applicable.

#### **Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.**

The validity of the Common Stock offered hereby will be reviewed for the Company by Karl W. Kindig, Senior Vice President and Secretary of the Company. As of the date of this Registration Statement, Mr. Kindig holds shares of Common Stock, restricted stock units, performance share units and stock options previously granted to him in connection with his employment pursuant to the terms of the Company’s incentive plans in effect from time to time. In addition, subject to his continued employment and the terms of the Plan, Mr. Kindig may be eligible to participate in the Plan and purchase shares of Common Stock registered hereunder.

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**Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.**

CNO is incorporated in the State of Delaware. CNO maintains directors' and officers' liability insurance that insures any person who is a director or officer of CNO against any liability incurred by him or her in any such capacity or arising out of his or her status as a director or officer. Additionally, CNO and certain of its subsidiaries have entered into indemnification agreements with CNO's directors.

Section 102(b)(7) of the Delaware General Corporation Law (the "DGCL") permits a corporation, in its certificate of incorporation, to eliminate or limit the liability of a director to the corporation or its stockholders for monetary damages for breaches of fiduciary duty as a director, provided that such a provision shall not eliminate or limit the liability of a director (a) for any breach of the director's duty of loyalty to the corporation or its stockholders, (b) for acts or omissions not in good faith or which involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law, (c) under Section 174 of the DGCL (relating to unlawful payment of dividends or unlawful stock purchases or redemptions), or (d) for any transaction from which the director derived an improper personal benefit.

Article Nine of CNO's Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation provides that, except to the extent otherwise provided by the DGCL, CNO's directors shall not be personally liable to CNO or its stockholders for monetary damages for breach of their fiduciary duty as directors.

Section 145 of the DGCL provides that a Delaware corporation has the power to indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the corporation) by reason of the fact that the person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation in such capacity in another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by the person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if the person acted in good faith and in a manner the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe the person's conduct was unlawful. In the case of an action or suit brought by or in the right of the corporation, indemnification of any director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation (or person serving at the request of the corporation in such capacity in another enterprise) against expenses actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit is permitted if such person acted in good faith and in a manner the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation; however, no indemnification is permitted in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable to the corporation, unless and only to the extent that the Delaware Court of Chancery, or the court in which such action or suit was brought, shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all the circumstances of the case, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which the Delaware Court of Chancery or such other court shall deem proper.

Article Nine of CNO's Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation provides generally that CNO will indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative by reason of the fact that such person is or was a director, officer or employee of CNO or a wholly owned subsidiary of CNO or, while a director, officer or employee of CNO or a wholly owned subsidiary of CNO, is or was serving at the request of the CNO or a wholly owned subsidiary of CNO as a Director, officer, employee, partner, member, manager, trustee, fiduciary or agent of another corporation or of a partnership, joint venture, limited liability company, trust or other entity or enterprise, including service with respect to an employee benefit plan shall be indemnified and held harmless by CNO to the fullest extent authorized by the DGCL.

Under the DGCL, a Delaware corporation has the power to purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of any person who is or was director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation or is or was serving in such capacity at the request of the corporation for another enterprise, against any liability asserted against such person and incurred by such person in any such capacity, or arising out of such person's status as such, whether or not the corporation has the power to indemnify such person against such liability under the Section 145 of the DGCL. Article V of CNO's Amended and Restated Bylaws permits CNO to purchase and maintain insurance on its own behalf and on behalf of any person who is or was a director, officer, employee, partner, member, manager, trustee, fiduciary or agent of CNO or a wholly owned subsidiary of

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CNO or was serving at the request of the CNO or a wholly owned subsidiary of CNO as a director, officer, employee, partner, member, manager, trustee, fiduciary or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited liability company, trust or other entity or enterprise against any expense, liability or loss asserted against him or her and incurred by him or her in any such capacity, whether or not CNO would have the power to indemnify such person against such expenses, liability or loss under the DGCL.

**Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed.**

Not applicable.

**Item 8. Exhibits.**

A list of exhibits included as part of this Registration Statement is set forth in the Exhibit Index which is incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9. Undertakings.**

(a) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) to file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this Registration Statement:

(i) to include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act;

(ii) to reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of this Registration Statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in this Registration Statement; and

(iii) to include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in this Registration Statement or any material change to such information in this Registration Statement.

provided, however, that clauses (a)(1)(i) and (a)(1)(ii) above do not apply if the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by those clauses is contained in periodic reports filed with or furnished to the SEC by the Company pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act that are incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement

(2) that, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new Registration Statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(3) to remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(b) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Exchange Act (and, where applicable, each filing of an employee benefit plan's annual report pursuant to Section 15(d) of the Exchange Act) that is incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement shall be deemed to be a new Registration Statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the SEC such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

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**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this Registration Statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Carmel, State of Indiana, on May 10, 2018.

**CNO FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.**

By: /s/ Gary C. Bhojwani

**Name: Gary C. Bhojwani**

**Title: Chief Executive Officer**

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## SIGNATURES AND POWERS OF ATTORNEY

Each person whose signature appears below authorizes Gary C. Bhojwani, John R. Kline and Karl W. Kindig, or any of them, as his or her attorney in fact and agent, with full power of substitution and resubstitution, to execute, in his or her name and on his or her behalf, in any and all capacities, this Registration Statement on Form S-8 and any amendments including post-effective amendments thereto related to the securities described herein, and to file the same, with all the exhibits thereto, and all other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, necessary or advisable to enable the registrant to comply with the Securities Act of 1933, and any rules, regulations and requirements of the Securities and Exchange Commission, in respect thereof, in connection with the registration of the securities described herein which are the subject of such Registration Statement, as the case may be, which amendments may make such changes in such Registration Statement, as the case may be, as such attorney may deem appropriate, and with full power and authority to perform and do any and all acts and things, whatsoever which any such attorney or substitute may deem necessary or advisable to be performed or done in connection with any or all of the above-described matters, as fully as each of the undersigned could do if personally present and acting, hereby ratifying and approving all acts of any such attorney or substitute.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, this Registration Statement has been signed by the following persons in the capacities indicated on May 10, 2018.

<u>Signature</u>	<u>Title</u>
/s/ Gary C. Bhojwani _____ <b>Gary C. Bhojwani</b>	Director and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)
/s/ Erik M. Holding _____ <b>Erik M. Holding</b>	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)
/s/ John R. Kline _____ <b>John R. Kline</b>	Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer (Principal Accounting Officer)
/s/ Ellyn L. Brown _____ <b>Ellyn L. Brown</b>	Director
/s/ Stephen N. David _____ <b>Stephen N. David</b>	Director
/s/ Robert C. Greving _____ <b>Robert C. Greving</b>	Director
/s/ Mary R. Henderson _____ <b>Mary R. Henderson</b>	Director
/s/ Charles J. Jacklin _____ <b>Charles J. Jacklin</b>	Director
/s/ Daniel R. Maurer _____ <b>Daniel R. Maurer</b>	Director
/s/ Neal C. Schneider _____ <b>Neal C. Schneider</b>	Director
/s/ Frederick J. Sievert _____ <b>Frederick J. Sievert</b>	Director

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## EXHIBIT INDEX

<u>Number</u>	<u>Description</u>
3.1	<a href="#"><u>Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of CNO Financial Group, Inc., incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of our Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2016.</u></a>
3.2	<a href="#"><u>Amended and Restated Bylaws of CNO Financial Group, Inc., incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 of our Current Report on Form 8-K filed February 28, 2013.</u></a>
3.3	<a href="#"><u>Certificate of Designations of Series D Junior Participating Preferred Stock of CNO Financial Group, Inc., incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 of our Current Report on Form 8-K filed October 4, 2017.</u></a>
4.1	<a href="#"><u>Third Amended and Restated Section 382 Rights Agreement, dated as of October 3, 2017, between the Corporation and American Stock Transfer &amp; Trust Company, LLC, as Rights Agent, which includes the Certificate of Designations for the Series D Junior Participating Preferred Stock as Exhibit A, the Form of Right Certificate as Exhibit B and the Summary of Rights to Purchase Preferred Shares as Exhibit C, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 of our Current Report on Form 8-K filed October 4, 2017.</u></a>
4.2	<a href="#"><u>Form of specimen stock certificate, incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 of our Current Report on Form 8-K filed May 12, 2010.</u></a>
5.1*	<a href="#"><u>Opinion of Karl W. Kindig.</u></a>
23.1*	<a href="#"><u>Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.</u></a>
23.2*	<a href="#"><u>Consent of Karl W. Kindig (included in Exhibit 5.1).</u></a>
24.1*	<a href="#"><u>Power of Attorney (included on the signature page of this Registration Statement).</u></a>
99.1	<a href="#"><u>CNO Financial Group, Inc. Employee Stock Purchase Plan, incorporated by reference to Annex A of our Proxy Statement filed March 28, 2018.</u></a>

\* Filed herewith

May 10, 2018

CNO Financial Group, Inc.  
11825 N. Pennsylvania St.  
Carmel, IN 46032

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am issuing this opinion letter in my capacity as corporate counsel to CNO Financial Group, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the “Company”), in connection with the preparation and filing by the Company with the Securities and Exchange Commission of a Registration Statement on Form S-8 (the “Registration Statement”) pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933 (the “Securities Act”) with respect to 1,600,000 shares of common stock, par value \$.01 per share (including associated preferred stock purchase rights) (the “Common Stock”) of the Company issuable under the Company’s Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the “Plan”).

In rendering this opinion, I have examined the Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company, the Amended and Restated Bylaws of the Company, the Plan and such other documents, and made such other legal and factual examinations and inquiries, as I have deemed necessary or appropriate for purposes of rendering this opinion. In my examination, I have assumed the genuineness of all signatures, the legal capacity of natural persons, the authenticity of all documents submitted to me as originals, and the conformity to original documents of all documents submitted to me as duplicates or certified or conformed copies and the authenticity of the originals of such latter documents.

I am admitted to practice in the State of Indiana, and I express no opinion as to the laws of any jurisdiction other than the laws of the United States of America, the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware and the laws of the State of Indiana.

Based upon and subject to the foregoing, I am of the opinion that the shares of Common Stock, when issued in accordance with the terms of the Plan and as contemplated by the Registration Statement, will be duly authorized and legally issued, fully paid and non-assessable.

I hereby consent to the filing of this opinion letter as Exhibit 5.1 to the Registration Statement. In giving such consent, I do not hereby admit that I am within the category of persons whose consent is required by Section 7 of the Securities Act. This opinion is not to be used, circulated, quoted or otherwise referred to without my express written consent.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Karl W. Kindig

Karl W. Kindig

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement on Form S-8 of CNO Financial Group, Inc. of our report dated February 23, 2018 relating to the financial statements, financial statement schedules and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, which appears in CNO Financial Group, Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2017.

/s/ PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP

Indianapolis, Indiana  
May 10, 2018