

# FORM 4

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

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)	
<b>JOHNSON ERIC R</b>		<b>CNO Financial Group, Inc. [ CNO ]</b>		<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) <b>EVP, Chief Investment Officer</b>	
(Last) (First) (Middle)		3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)			
<b>11825 N. PENNSYLVANIA STREET</b>		<b>2/23/2017</b>			
(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)	
<b>CARMEL, IN 46032</b>				<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	2/23/2017		A		4157	A	(1)	314379	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)
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Restricted Stock Units	(2)	2/23/2017		A		9720		(3)	(3)	Common Stock	9720	\$0	9720	D	
Stock Options	\$21.06	2/23/2017		A		30970		(4)	2/23/2027	Common Stock	30970	\$0	30970	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- ( ) These shares were acquired upon vesting of performance share units for the 2014-2016 performance period, based on the Issuer's average pre-tax operating income over that period.
- (2) Restricted stock units convert into common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (3) The restricted stock units vest in three equal annual installments beginning March 25, 2018.
- (4) One-half of these options becomes exercisable on February 23, 2019 and the other one-half becomes exercisable on February 23, 2020.

**Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
<b>JOHNSON ERIC R 11825 N. PENNSYLVANIA STREET CARMEL, IN 46032</b>			<b>EVP, Chief Investment Officer</b>	

**Signatures**

**Karl W. Kindig, Attorney-in-Fact**

**2/27/2017**

\*\*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).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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