

FORM 4

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

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

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or
 Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Franzese Yvonne K. <small>(Last) (First) (Middle)</small> C/O CNO FINANCIAL GROUP, INC., 11299 ILLINOIS STREET, SUITE 200 <small>(Street)</small> CARMEL, IN 46032 <small>(City) (State) (Zip)</small>	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol CNO Financial Group, Inc. [CNO] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY) <p align="center">2/17/2026</p> 4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) <input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below) Chief Human Resources Officer 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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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	2/17/2026		S		3,000 ⁽¹⁾	D	\$43.1638 ⁽²⁾	41,062	D	
Common Stock	2/17/2026		S		3,000 ⁽¹⁾	D	\$43.1807 ⁽³⁾	38,062	D	
Common Stock	2/17/2026		S		3,000 ⁽¹⁾	D	\$43.1744 ⁽⁴⁾	35,062	D	
Common Stock								78,279	I	Yvonne K. Franzese Revocable Trust

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				

Explanation of Responses:

- (1) Shares sold pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted on August 20, 2025.
- (2) Reflects the weighted average sale price. Shares were sold at prices ranging from \$42.94 per share to \$43.79 per share. Reporting person will provide full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price upon request by the SEC staff, the issuer or any security holder of the issuer.
- (3) Reflects the weighted average sale price. Shares were sold at prices ranging from \$43.00 per share to \$43.79 per share. Reporting person will provide full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price upon request by the SEC staff, the issuer or any security holder of the issuer.
- (4) Reflects the weighted average sale price. Shares were sold at prices ranging from \$42.94 per share to \$43.73 per share. Reporting person will provide full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price upon request by the SEC staff, the issuer or any security holder of the issuer.

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other

Franzese Yvonne K. C/O CNO FINANCIAL GROUP, INC. 11299 ILLINOIS STREET, SUITE 200 CARMEL, IN 46032			Chief Human Resources Officer	
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Signatures

Heidi M. Krings, Attorney-in-Fact

2/18/2026

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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