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	FOR THE TRANSITION PERIOD FR			
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	UNITEDHEA UnitedHealth Group I		ROUP®	
	(Exact name of registrant as sp	ecified in its charter)		
	Delaware	41-1321939		
	(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)		
	UnitedHealth Group Center 9900 Bren Road East			
	Minnetonka, Minnesota	55343		
	(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)		
	(952) 936-13 (Registrant's telephone number			
Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the	e Act:			
Title of each class	Trading Symbo	l(s)	Name of each exchange on which	registered
Common Stock, \$.01 par value	UNH		NYSE	
	has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 of e such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing			months (or for such
-	submitted electronically every Interactive Data File reperiod that the registrant was required to submit suc	· ·	ant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.40	05 of this chapter)
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Large accelerated filer			Non-accelerated filer	
Smaller reporting company			Emerging growth company	
If an emerging growth company, indicate by check is provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange	mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended act. \square	nded transition period for co	mplying with any new or revised financial a	accounting standards
	shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchanares of the registrant's Common Stock, \$.01 par val	-	anding.	

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PART I

ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

UnitedHealth Group Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets (Unaudited)

(in millions, except per share data)	Septemb 201		De	cember 31, 2018
Assets				
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	12,363	\$	10,866
Short-term investments		3,455		3,458
Accounts receivable, net		10,964		11,388
Other current receivables, net		10,152		6,862
Assets under management		3,051		3,032
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		3,556		3,086
Total current assets		43,541		38,692
Long-term investments		36,840		32,510
Property, equipment and capitalized software, net		8,501		8,458
Goodwill		65,205		58,910
Other intangible assets, net		10,521		9,325
Other assets		9,101		4,326
Total assets	\$	173,709	\$	152,221
Liabilities, redeemable noncontrolling interests and equity				
Current liabilities:				
Medical costs payable	\$	20,939	\$	19,891
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		18,570		16,705
Commercial paper and current maturities of long-term debt		6,387		1,973
Unearned revenues		2,500		2,396
Other current liabilities		14,245		12,244
Total current liabilities		62,641		53,209
Long-term debt, less current maturities		38,507		34,581
Deferred income taxes		2,902		2,474
Other liabilities		9,912		5,730
Total liabilities		113,962		95,994
Commitments and contingencies (Note 7)				
Redeemable noncontrolling interests		1,991		1,908
Equity:				
Preferred stock, \$0.001 par value - 10 shares authorized; no shares issued or outstanding		_		_
Common stock, \$0.01 par value - 3,000 shares authorized; 947 and 960 issued and outstanding		9		10
Retained earnings		58,696		55,846
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(3,709)		(4,160)
Nonredeemable noncontrolling interests		2,760		2,623
Total equity		57,756		54,319
Total liabilities, redeemable noncontrolling interests and equity	\$	173,709	\$	152,221

UnitedHealth Group Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations (Unaudited)

	Thr	ee Months I	Ended 30,	September	Ni	September		
(in millions, except per share data)		2019		2018		2019		2018
Revenues:								
Premiums	\$	47,397	\$	44,613	\$	142,074	\$	133,155
Products		7,546		7,344		23,971		21,050
Services		4,942		4,217		13,756		12,590
Investment and other income		466		382		1,453		1,035
Total revenues		60,351		56,556		181,254		167,830
Operating costs:	·							
Medical costs		39,041		36,158		117,164		108,448
Operating costs		8,960		8,479		25,892		25,371
Cost of products sold		6,627		6,718		21,606		19,373
Depreciation and amortization		709		611		2,002		1,791
Total operating costs		55,337		51,966		166,664		154,983
Earnings from operations		5,014		4,590		14,590		12,847
Interest expense		(449)		(353)		(1,267)		(1,026)
Earnings before income taxes		4,565		4,237		13,323		11,821
Provision for income taxes		(936)		(953)		(2,752)		(2,603)
Net earnings		3,629		3,284		10,571		9,218
Earnings attributable to noncontrolling interests		(91)		(96)		(273)		(272)
Net earnings attributable to UnitedHealth Group common shareholders	\$	3,538	\$	3,188	\$	10,298	\$	8,946
Farnings per share attributable to UnitedHealth Group common shareholders:								
Basic	\$	3.73	\$	3.31	\$	10.82	\$	9.29
Diluted	\$	3.67	\$	3.24	\$	10.65	\$	9.09
Basic weighted-average number of common shares outstanding		949		962		952		963
Dilutive effect of common share equivalents		14		21	_	15	_	21
Diluted weighted-average number of common shares outstanding		963		983		967		984
Anti-dilutive shares excluded from the calculation of dilutive effect of common share equivalents	_	12		7		10		7

UnitedHealth Group Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (Unaudited)

		Three Mor Septen				Nine Moi Septer		
(in millions)	2019 2018							2018
Net earnings	\$	3,629	\$	3,284	\$	10,571	\$	9,218
Other comprehensive (loss) income:								
Gross unrealized gains (losses) on investment securities during the period		230		(91)		1,243		(512)
Income tax effect		(53)		21		(285)		117
Total unrealized gains (losses), net of tax		177		(70)		958		(395)
Gross reclassification adjustment for net realized gains included in net earnings		(69)		(3)		(70)		(58)
Income tax effect		16		_		16		13
Total reclassification adjustment, net of tax		(53)		(3)		(54)		(45)
Total foreign currency translation losses		(560)		(233)		(453)		(1,303)
Other comprehensive (loss) income		(436)		(306)		451		(1,743)
Comprehensive income		3,193		2,978		11,022		7,475
Comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interests		(91)		(96)		(273)		(272)
Comprehensive income attributable to UnitedHealth Group common shareholders	\$	3,102	\$	2,882	\$	10,749	\$	7,203

UnitedHealth Group Condensed Consolidated Statements of Changes in Equity (Unaudited)

	Comr	non Sto	ck						Accumula Compre Income	hens	sive		
Three months ended September 30, (in millions)	Shares	Amo	ount]	lditional Paid-In Capital	Retained Earnings		Net Unrealized Gains (Losses) on Investments			Foreign Currency ranslation Losses	Nonredeemable Noncontrolling Interests	Total Equity
Balance at June 30, 2019	948	\$	9	\$	_	\$	56,367	\$	516	\$	(3,789)	\$ 2,751	\$ 55,854
Net earnings							3,538					82	3,620
Other comprehensive income (loss)									124		(560)		(436)
Issuances of common stock, and related tax effects	2		_		277								277
Share-based compensation					130								130
Common share repurchases	(3)		_		(415)		(185)						(600)
Cash dividends paid on common shares (\$1.08 per share)							(1,024)						(1,024)
Redeemable noncontrolling interests fair value and other adjustments					8								8
Acquisition and other adjustments of nonredeemable noncontrolling interests												(7)	(7)
Distribution to nonredeemable noncontrolling interests												(66)	(66)
Balance at September 30, 2019	947	\$	9	\$	_	\$	58,696	\$	640	\$	(4,349)	\$ 2,760	\$ 57,756
Balance at June 30, 2018	962	\$	10	\$	_	\$	52,363	\$	(356)	\$	(3,724)	\$ 2,490	\$ 50,783
Net earnings							3,188					71	3,259
Other comprehensive loss									(73)		(233)		(306)
Issuances of common stock, and related tax effects	2		_		239								239
Share-based compensation					146								146
Common share repurchases	(2)		_		(201)		(299)						(500)
Cash dividends paid on common shares (\$0.90 per share)							(866)						(866)
Redeemable noncontrolling interests fair value and other adjustments					(184)								(184)
Acquisition and other adjustments of nonredeemable noncontrolling interests												102	102
Distribution to nonredeemable noncontrolling interests												(77)	(77)
Balance at September 30, 2018	962	\$	10	\$	_	\$	54,386	\$	(429)	\$	(3,957)	\$ 2,586	\$ 52,596

UnitedHealth Group Condensed Consolidated Statements of Changes in Equity (Unaudited)

Accumulated Other

Comprehensive (Loss) Common Stock Income Foreign Additional Net Unrealized Nonredeemable Currency Nine months ended September 30, Paid-In Retained (Losses) Gains Translation Noncontrolling Total Interests (in millions) Capital Earnings on Investments Equity Shares Amount Losses Balance at January 1, 2019 960 \$ 2,623 54,319 \$ 10 55,846 (264)(3,896)Adjustment to adopt ASU 2016-02 (13)(5) (18)10,298 196 10,494 Net earnings 904 (453)Other comprehensive income (loss) 451 Issuances of common stock, 8 438 438 and related tax effects 521 521 Share-based compensation Common share repurchases (21)(1) (573)(4,527)(5,101)Cash dividends paid on common shares (\$3.06 per share) (2,908)(2,908)Redeemable noncontrolling interests (277)fair value and other adjustments (277)Acquisition and other adjustments of nonredeemable noncontrolling 157 interests (109)48 Distribution to nonredeemable (211)noncontrolling interests (211)\$ \$ 57,756 Balance at September 30, 2019 947 \$ 9 \$ 58,696 640 (4,349)\$ 2,760 Balance at January 1, 2018 969 \$ 10 \$ 1,703 \$ 48,730 \$ (13)\$ (2,654) \$ 2,057 \$ 49,833 Adjustment to adopt ASU 2016-01 (24)24 9,129 Net earnings 8,946 183 (440)(1,303)(1,743) Other comprehensive loss Issuances of common stock, and 9 761 761 related tax effects 493 493 Share-based compensation Common share repurchases (16)(2,838)(812)(3,650)Cash dividends paid on common shares (\$2.55 per share) (2,454)(2,454)Redeemable noncontrolling interests fair value and other adjustments (119)(119)Acquisition and other adjustments of nonredeemable noncontrolling interests 518 518 Distribution to nonredeemable noncontrolling interests (172)(172)962 \$ 10 \$ 54,386 (429)\$ (3,957)2,586 52,596 Balance at September 30, 2018

UnitedHealth Group Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (Unaudited)

	Nine Months Ended	September 30
(in millions)	2019	2018
Operating activities		
Net earnings	\$ 10,571 \$	9,218
Noncash items:		
Depreciation and amortization	2,002	1,791
Deferred income taxes	177	9
Share-based compensation	525	512
Other, net	(181)	(136)
Net change in other operating items, net of effects from acquisitions and changes in AARP balances:		
Accounts receivable	957	(984)
Other assets	(2,181)	(1,641)
Medical costs payable	223	1,745
Accounts payable and other liabilities	105	2,783
Unearned revenues	60	20
Cash flows from operating activities	12,258	13,317
Investing activities		
Purchases of investments	(13,386)	(11,316)
Sales of investments	6,198	2,872
Maturities of investments	5,160	4,715
Cash paid for acquisitions, net of cash assumed	(8,200)	(5,824)
Purchases of property, equipment and capitalized software	(1,421)	(1,505)
Other, net	338	(187)
Cash flows used for investing activities	(11,311)	(11,245)
Financing activities		<u> </u>
Common share repurchases	(5,101)	(3,650)
Cash dividends paid	(2,908)	(2,454)
Proceeds from common stock issuances	740	745
Repayments of long-term debt	(1,250)	(2,600)
Proceeds from (repayments of) commercial paper, net	3,998	(164)
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt	5,444	3,964
Customer funds administered	420	1,552
Other, net	(756)	(1,086)
Cash flows from (used for) financing activities	587	(3,693)
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents	(37)	(97)
Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	1,497	(1,718)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	10,866	11,981
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 12,363 \$	

UnitedHealth Group Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited)

1. Basis of Presentation

UnitedHealth Group Incorporated (individually and together with its subsidiaries, "UnitedHealth Group" and the "Company") is a diversified health care company dedicated to helping people live healthier lives and helping make the health system work better for everyone.

Through its diversified family of businesses, the Company leverages core competencies in data and health information; advanced technology; and clinical expertise. These core competencies are deployed within two distinct, but strategically aligned, business platforms: health benefits operating under UnitedHealthcare and health services operating under Optum.

The Company has prepared the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements according to U.S. Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP) and has included the accounts of UnitedHealth Group and its subsidiaries. The year-end condensed consolidated balance sheet was derived from audited financial statements, but does not include all disclosures required by GAAP. In accordance with the rules and regulations of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), the Company has omitted certain footnote disclosures that would substantially duplicate the disclosures contained in its annual audited Consolidated Financial Statements. Therefore, these Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements should be read together with the Consolidated Financial Statements and the Notes included in Part II, Item 8, "Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2018 as filed with the SEC (2018 10-K). The accompanying Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements include all normal recurring adjustments necessary to present the interim financial statements fairly.

Use of Estimates

These Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements include certain amounts based on the Company's best estimates and judgments. The Company's most significant estimates include medical costs payable and goodwill. Certain of these estimates require the application of complex assumptions and judgments, often because they involve matters that are inherently uncertain and will likely change in subsequent periods. The impact of any change in estimates is included in earnings in the period in which the estimate is adjusted.

Recently Adopted Accounting Standards

In February 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Accounting Standard Update (ASU) No. 2016-02, "Leases (Topic 842)" as modified by ASUs 2018-01, 2018-10, 2018-11, 2018-20 and 2019-01 (collectively, ASU 2016-02). Under ASU 2016-02, an entity is required to recognize assets and liabilities for the rights and obligations created by leases on the entity's balance sheet for both finance and operating leases. The Company adopted ASU 2016-02 using a cumulative-effect upon adoption approach as of January 1, 2019. Upon adoption, the Company recognized \$3.3 billion of lease right-of-use (ROU) assets and liabilities for operating leases on its Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet, of which, \$668 million were classified as current liabilities. The adoption of ASU 2016-02 was immaterial to the Company's consolidated results of operations, equity and cash flows. The Company has included the disclosures required by ASU 2016-02 below and in Note 7, "Commitments and Contingencies."

The Company leases facilities and equipment under long-term operating leases that are non-cancelable and expire on various dates. At the lease commencement date, lease ROU assets and lease liabilities are recognized based on the present value of the future minimum lease payments over the lease term, which includes all fixed obligations arising from the lease contract. If an interest rate is not implicit in a lease, the Company utilizes its incremental borrowing rate for a period that closely matches the lease term.

The Company's ROU assets are included in other assets, and lease liabilities are included in other current liabilities and other liabilities in the Company's Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheet.

The Company has determined that there have been no other recently adopted or issued accounting standards that had, or will have, a material impact on its Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements.

2. Investments

A summary of debt securities by major security type is as follows:

(in millions)	Amortized Cost	Gross Unrealized Gains	Gross Unrealized Losses	Fair Value	
September 30, 2019					
Debt securities - available-for-sale:					
U.S. government and agency obligations	\$ 3,591	\$	83	\$ (2)	\$ 3,672
State and municipal obligations	5,657		256	(3)	5,910
Corporate obligations	17,824		352	(9)	18,167
U.S. agency mortgage-backed securities	6,361		113	(6)	6,468
Non-U.S. agency mortgage-backed securities	1,685		48	(1)	1,732
Total debt securities - available-for-sale	 35,118		852	(21)	35,949
Debt securities - held-to-maturity:					
U.S. government and agency obligations	272		2	_	274
State and municipal obligations	32		1	_	33
Corporate obligations	547		_	_	547
Total debt securities - held-to-maturity	 851		3	_	854
Total debt securities	\$ 35,969	\$	855	\$ (21)	\$ 36,803
December 31, 2018					
Debt securities - available-for-sale:					
U.S. government and agency obligations	\$ 3,434	\$	13	\$ (42)	\$ 3,405
State and municipal obligations	7,117		61	(57)	7,121
Corporate obligations	15,366		14	(218)	15,162
U.S. agency mortgage-backed securities	4,947		11	(106)	4,852
Non-U.S. agency mortgage-backed securities	1,376		2	(20)	1,358
Total debt securities - available-for-sale	 32,240		101	(443)	31,898
Debt securities - held-to-maturity:					
U.S. government and agency obligations	255		1	(2)	254
State and municipal obligations	11		_	_	11
Corporate obligations	355		_		355
Total debt securities - held-to-maturity	621		1	(2)	 620
Total debt securities	\$ 32,861	\$	102	\$ (445)	\$ 32,518

The Company held \$2.0 billion of equity securities as of both September 30, 2019 and December 31, 2018. The Company's investments in equity securities primarily consist of employee savings plan related investments, shares of Brazilian real denominated fixed-income funds and dividend paying stocks with readily determinable fair values. Additionally, the Company's investments included \$1.4 billion and \$1.5 billion of equity method investments in operating businesses in the health care sector as of September 30, 2019 and December 31, 2018, respectively.

The amortized cost and fair value of debt securities as of September 30, 2019, by contractual maturity, were as follows:

			Held-to	-Matu	ırity			
(in millions)	Amortized Fair Cost Value				Amortized Cost			Fair Value
Due in one year or less	\$	3,571	\$	3,577	\$	313	\$	313
Due after one year through five years		11,904		12,084		258		259
Due after five years through ten years		8,303		8,669		141		141
Due after ten years		3,294		3,419		139		141
U.S. agency mortgage-backed securities		6,361		6,468		_		_
Non-U.S. agency mortgage-backed securities		1,685		1,732		_		_
Total debt securities	\$	35,118	\$	35,949	\$	851	\$	854

The fair value of available-for-sale debt securities with gross unrealized losses by security type and length of time that individual securities have been in a continuous unrealized loss position were as follows:

	Less Than	n 12 I	Months	12 Months or Greater				Т	Total									
(in millions)	Fair Value		Gross Unrealized Losses		Fair Value	Gross Unrealized Losses		Unrealized		Unrealized		Unrealized		Unrealized		Fair Value		Gross Unrealized Losses
September 30, 2019																		
Debt securities - available-for-sale:																		
U.S. government and agency obligations	\$ 286	\$	(1)	\$	228	\$	(1)	\$ 514	\$	(2)								
State and municipal obligations	296		(2)		83		(1)	379		(3)								
Corporate obligations	1,360		(5)		1,022		(4)	2,382		(9)								
U.S. agency mortgage-backed securities	570		(2)		518		(4)	1,088		(6)								
Non-U.S. agency mortgage-backed securities	217		(1)		_		_	217		(1)								
Total debt securities - available-for-sale	\$ 2,729	\$	(11)	\$	1,851	\$	(10)	\$ 4,580	\$	(21)								
December 31, 2018									_									
Debt securities - available-for-sale:																		
U.S. government and agency obligations	\$ 998	\$	(7)	\$	1,425	\$	(35)	\$ 2,423	\$	(42)								
State and municipal obligations	1,334		(11)		2,491		(46)	3,825		(57)								
Corporate obligations	8,105		(109)		4,239		(109)	12,344		(218)								
U.S. agency mortgage-backed securities	1,296		(22)		2,388		(84)	3,684		(106)								
Non-U.S. agency mortgage-backed securities	622		(7)		459		(13)	1,081		(20)								
Total debt securities - available-for-sale	\$ 12,355	\$	(156)	\$	11,002	\$	(287)	\$ 23,357	\$	(443)								

The Company's unrealized losses from debt securities as of September 30, 2019 were generated from 4,000 positions out of a total of 32,000 positions. The Company believes that it will collect the principal and interest due on its debt securities that have an amortized cost in excess of fair value. The unrealized losses were primarily caused by interest rate increases and not by unfavorable changes in the credit quality associated with these securities. At each reporting period, the Company evaluates securities for impairment when the fair value of the investment is less than its amortized cost. The Company evaluated the underlying credit quality and credit ratings of the issuers, noting no significant deterioration since purchase. As of September 30, 2019, the Company did not have the intent to sell any of the securities in an unrealized loss position. Therefore, the Company believes these losses to be temporary.

3. Fair Value

Certain assets and liabilities are measured at fair value in the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements or have fair values disclosed in the Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements. These assets and liabilities are classified into one of three levels of a hierarchy defined by GAAP.

For a description of the methods and assumptions that are used to estimate the fair value and determine the fair value hierarchy classification of each class of financial instrument, see Note 4 of Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements in Part II, Item 8, "Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" in the 2018 10-K.

The following table presents a summary of fair value measurements by level and carrying values for items measured at fair value on a recurring basis in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets:

(in millions)	i	oted Prices in Active Markets (Level 1)	Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Fair	Total and Carrying Value
September 30, 2019			 _	_		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	12,210	\$ 153	\$ _	\$	12,363
Debt securities - available-for-sale:						
U.S. government and agency obligations		3,421	251	_		3,672
State and municipal obligations		_	5,910	_		5,910
Corporate obligations		71	17,879	217		18,167
U.S. agency mortgage-backed securities		_	6,468	_		6,468
Non-U.S. agency mortgage-backed securities		_	1,732	_		1,732
Total debt securities - available-for-sale		3,492	 32,240	217		35,949
Equity securities		1,839	21			1,860
Assets under management		1,116	1,907	28		3,051
Total assets at fair value	\$	18,657	\$ 34,321	\$ 245	\$	53,223
Percentage of total assets at fair value		35%	65%	_%		100%
December 31, 2018						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	10,757	\$ 109	\$ _	\$	10,866
Debt securities - available-for-sale:						
U.S. government and agency obligations		3,060	345	_		3,405
State and municipal obligations		_	7,121	_		7,121
Corporate obligations		39	14,950	173		15,162
U.S. agency mortgage-backed securities		_	4,852	_		4,852
Non-U.S. agency mortgage-backed securities		_	1,358	_		1,358
Total debt securities - available-for-sale		3,099	28,626	173		31,898
Equity securities		1,832	 13	_		1,845
Assets under management		1,086	1,938	8		3,032
Total assets at fair value	\$	16,774	\$ 30,686	\$ 181	\$	47,641
Percentage of total assets at fair value		35%	65%	_%		100%

There were no transfers in or out of Level 3 financial assets or liabilities during the nine months ended September 30, 2019 or 2018.

The following table presents a summary of fair value measurements by level and carrying values for certain financial instruments not measured at fair value on a recurring basis in the Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets:

(in millions)	in M	ed Prices Active arkets evel 1)	Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)			Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Total Fair Value	Total Carryi Value		
September 30, 2019										
Debt securities - held-to-maturity	\$	410	\$	176	\$	268	\$ 854	\$	851	
Long-term debt and other financing obligations	\$	_	\$	45,342	\$	_	\$ 45,342	\$	40,814	
December 31, 2018										
Debt securities - held-to-maturity	\$	260	\$	65	\$	295	\$ 620	\$	621	
Long-term debt and other financing obligations	\$	_	\$	37,944	\$	_	\$ 37,944	\$	36,554	

Nonfinancial assets and liabilities or financial assets and liabilities that are measured at fair value on a nonrecurring basis are subject to fair value adjustments only in certain circumstances, such as when the Company records an impairment. There were no significant fair value adjustments for these assets and liabilities recorded during either the nine months ended September 30, 2019 or 2018.

4. Medical Costs Payable

The following table shows the components of the change in medical costs payable for the nine months ended September 30:

(in millions)	2019	2018
Medical costs payable, beginning of period	\$ 19,891	\$ 17,871
Acquisitions	868	333
Reported medical costs:		
Current year	117,624	108,658
Prior years	(460)	(210)
Total reported medical costs	 117,164	108,448
Medical payments:	 	
Payments for current year	(99,487)	(90,348)
Payments for prior years	(17,497)	(16,454)
Total medical payments	 (116,984)	(106,802)
Medical costs payable, end of period	\$ 20,939	\$ 19,850

For the nine months ended September 30, 2019 and 2018, the medical cost reserve development included no individual factors that were significant. Medical costs payable included reserves for claims incurred by insured customers but not yet reported to the Company of \$14.2 billion and \$13.2 billion at September 30, 2019 and December 31, 2018, respectively.

${\bf 5.} \quad {\bf Commercial\ Paper\ and\ Long-Term\ Debt}$

Commercial paper and senior unsecured long-term debt consisted of the following:

		September 30, 2019			December 31, 2018	
(in millions, except percentages)	Par Value	Carrying Value	Fair Value	Par Value	Carrying Value	Fair Value
Conmercial paper	\$ 4,082	\$ 4,080	\$ 4,080	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —
1.700%notes due February 2019	_	_	_	750	750	749
1.625%notes due March 2019	_	_	_	500	500	499
2.300%notes due December 2019	500	499	500	500	494	497
2.700%notes due July 2020	1,500	1,499	1,508	1,500	1,498	1,494
Floating rate notes due October 2020	300	300	300	300	299	298
3.875%notes due October 2020	450	450	457	450	443	456
1.950%notes due October 2020	900	898	900	900	897	884
4.700%notes due February 2021	400	404	412	400	398	412
2.125%notes due March 2021	750	748	752	750	747	734
Floating rate notes due June 2021	350	349	349	350	349	347
3.150%notes due June 2021	400	399	408	400	399	400
3.375%notes due November 2021	500	502	512	500	489	503
2.875%notes due December 2021	750	755	764	750	735	748
2.875%notes due March 2022	1,100	1,088	1,120	1,100	1,051	1,091
3.350%notes due July 2022	1,000	997	1,036	1,000	997	1,005
2.375%notes due October 2022	900	895	909	900	894	872
0.000%notes due November 2022	15	13	13	15	12	13
2.750%notes due February 2023	625	627	637	625	602	611
2.875%notes due March 2023	750	776	769	750	750	739
3.500%notes due June 2023	750	747	786	750	746	756
3.500%notes due February 2024	750	745	790	750	745	755
2.375%notes due August 2024	750	746	756	_	_	_
3.750%notes due July 2025	2,000	1,990	2,150	2,000	1,989	2,025
3.700%notes due December 2025	300	298	323	300	298	303
3.100%notes due March 2026	1,000	996	1,045	1,000	995	965
3.450%notes due January 2027	750	746	798	750	746	742
3.375%notes due April 2027	625	619	663	625	619	611
2.950%notes due October 2027	950	939	982	950	938	898
3.850%notes due June 2028	1,150	1,142	1,259	1,150	1,142	1,163
3.875%notes due December 2028	850	843	936	850	842	861
2.875%notes due August 2029	1,000	1,022	1,021	_		_
4.625%notes due July 2035	1,000	992	1,208	1,000	992	1,060
5.800%notes due March 2036	850	838	1,134	850	838	1,003
6.500%notes due June 2037	500	492	711	500	492	638
6.625%notes due November 2037	650	641	940	650	641	841
6.875%notes due February 2038	1,100	1,076	1,625	1,100	1,076	1,437
3.500%notes due August 2039	1,250	1,241	1,301		1,070	1,457
5.700%notes due October 2040	300	296	397	300	296	355
5.950%notes due February 2041	350	345	476	350	345	426
4.625%notes due November 2041	600	589	710	600	588	627
4.375%notes due March 2042	502	484	572	502	484	503
3.950%notes due October 2042	625	607	676	625	607	596
4.250%notes due Warch 2043	750	735	844	750	734	744
4.750%notes due July 2045	2,000	1,973				
4.200%notes due January 2047	750	738	2,431 852	2,000 750	1,973 738	2,116 745
	750	738	852 823		738	
4.250% notes due April 2047				725		719
3.750% notes due October 2047	950	933	1,005	950	933	869
4.250% notes due June 2048	1,350	1,329	1,550	1,350	1,329	1,349
4.450%notes due December 2048 3.700%notes due August 2049	1,100	1,086	1,301	1,100	1,087	1,132
	1,250	1,235	1,323	_	_	_
3.875%notes due August 2059	1,250	1,231	1,327			

The Company's long-term debt obligations included \$1.2 billion and \$1.3 billion of other financing obligations, of which \$309 million and \$229 million were classified as current as of September 30, 2019 and December 31, 2018, respectively.

Commercial Paper and Bank Credit Facilities

Commercial paper consists of short-duration, senior unsecured debt privately placed on a discount basis through broker-dealers. As of September 30, 2019, the Company's outstanding commercial paper had a weighted average annual interest rate of 2.2%.

The Company has \$3.5 billion five-year, \$3.5 billion three-year and \$3.0 billion 364-day revolving bank credit facilities with 26 banks, which mature in December 2023, December 2021 and December 2019, respectively. The Company additionally has a \$2.5 billion 364-day revolving bank credit facility with 6 banks that matures in May 2020. These facilities provide liquidity support for the Company's commercial paper program and are available for general corporate purposes. As of September 30, 2019, no amounts had been drawn on any of the bank credit facilities. The annual interest rates, which are variable based on term, are calculated based on the London Interbank Offered Rate (LIBOR) plus a credit spread based on the Company's senior unsecured credit ratings. If amounts had been drawn on the bank credit facilities as of September 30, 2019, annual interest rates would have ranged from 2.7% to 2.8%.

Debt Covenants

The Company's bank credit facilities contain various covenants, including covenants requiring the Company to maintain a defined debt to debt-plus-shareholders' equity ratio of not more than 60%. The Company was in compliance with its debt covenants as of September 30, 2019.

6. Dividends

In June 2019, the Company's Board of Directors increased the Company's annual dividend rate to shareholders to \$4.32 compared to \$3.60 per share, which the Company had paid since June 2018. Declaration and payment of future quarterly dividends is at the discretion of the Board and may be adjusted as business needs or market conditions change.

The following table provides details of the Company's 2019 dividend payments:

Payment Date		Amount	per Share	Total Amount Paid		
					(in millions)	
March 19	:	\$	0.90	\$	860	
June 25			1.08		1,024	
September 24			1.08		1,024	

7. Commitments and Contingencies

Leases

Operating lease costs were \$275 million and \$760 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2019, respectively, and included immaterial variable and short-term lease costs. Cash payments made on the Company's operating lease liabilities were \$552 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2019, which were classified within operating activities in the Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows. As of September 30, 2019, the Company's weighted-average remaining lease term and weighted-average discount rate for its operating leases were 8.6 years and 3.9%, respectively.

As of September 30, 2019, future minimum annual lease payments under all non-cancelable operating leases were as follows:

(in millions)	Future Operating Leas Payments	se
2019	\$ 1	198
2020	7	782
2021	ϵ	693
2022	5	580
2023	4	477
Thereafter	1,9	978
Total future minimum lease payments	4,7	708
Less imputed interest	(7	758)
Total	\$ 3,9	950

Legal Matters

Because of the nature of its businesses, the Company is frequently made party to a variety of legal actions and regulatory inquiries, including class actions and suits brought by members, care providers, consumer advocacy organizations, customers and regulators, relating to the Company's businesses, including management and administration of health benefit plans and other services. These matters include medical malpractice, employment, intellectual property, antitrust, privacy and contract claims and claims related to health care benefits coverage and other business practices.

The Company records liabilities for its estimates of probable costs resulting from these matters where appropriate. Estimates of costs resulting from legal and regulatory matters involving the Company are inherently difficult to predict, particularly where the matters: involve indeterminate claims for monetary damages or may involve fines, penalties or punitive damages; present novel legal theories or represent a shift in regulatory policy; involve a large number of claimants or regulatory bodies; are in the early stages of the proceedings; or could result in a change in business practices. Accordingly, the Company is often unable to estimate the losses or ranges of losses for those matters where there is a reasonable possibility or it is probable that a loss may be incurred.

Government Investigations, Audits and Reviews

The Company has been involved or is currently involved in various governmental investigations, audits and reviews. These include routine, regular and special investigations, audits and reviews by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS), state insurance and health and welfare departments, the Brazilian national regulatory agency for private health insurance and plans (the Agência Nacional de Saúde Suplementar), state attorneys general, the Office of the Inspector General, the Office of Personnel Management, the Office of Civil Rights, the Government Accountability Office, the Federal Trade Commission, U.S. Congressional committees, the U.S. Department of Justice, the SEC, the Internal Revenue Service, the U.S. Drug Enforcement Administration, the Brazilian federal revenue service (the Secretaria da Receita Federal), the U.S. Department of Labor, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Defense Contract Audit Agency and other governmental authorities. Certain of the Company's businesses have been reviewed or are currently under review, including for, among other matters, compliance with coding and other requirements under the Medicare risk-adjustment model. CMS has selected certain of the Company's local plans for risk adjustment data validation (RADV) audits to validate the coding practices of and supporting documentation maintained by health care providers and such audits may result in retrospective adjustments to payments made to the Company's health plans.

On February 14, 2017, the Department of Justice (DOJ) announced its decision to pursue certain claims within a lawsuit initially asserted against the Company and filed under seal by a whistleblower in 2011. The whistleblower's complaint, which was unsealed on February 15, 2017, alleges that the Company made improper risk adjustment submissions and violated the False Claims Act. On February 12, 2018, the court granted in part and denied in part the Company's motion to dismiss. In May 2018, DOJ moved to dismiss the Company's counterclaims, which were filed in March 2018, and moved for partial summary judgment. In March 2019, the court denied the government's motion for partial summary judgment and dismissed the Company's counterclaims without prejudice. The Company cannot reasonably estimate the outcome that may result from this matter given its procedural status.

8. Business Combinations

During the nine months ended September 30, 2019, the Company completed several business combinations for total cash consideration of \$9.7 billion.

The total consideration exceeded the estimated fair value of the net tangible assets acquired by \$8.6 billion, of which \$2.0 billion has been allocated to finite-lived intangible assets and \$6.6 billion to goodwill. The goodwill is not deductible for income tax purposes.

Acquired tangible assets (liabilities) at acquisition date were:

(in millions)	
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,537
Accounts receivable and other current assets	1,775
Property, equipment and other long-term assets	1,941
Medical costs payable	(868)
Accounts payable and other current liabilities	(1,669)
Other long-term liabilities	(1,283)
Total net tangible assets	\$ 1,433

The preliminary purchase price allocations for the various business combinations are subject to adjustment as valuation analyses, primarily related to intangible assets and contingent and tax liabilities, are finalized.

The acquisition date fair values and weighted-average useful lives assigned to acquired finite-lived intangible assets were:

(in millions, except years)	Fair Value	Weighted- Average Useful Life
Customer-related	\$ 1,670	14
Trademarks and technology	117	4
Other	164	10
Total acquired finite-lived intangible assets	\$ 1,951	13

The results of operations and financial condition of acquired entities have been included in the Company's consolidated results and the results of the corresponding operating segment as of date of acquisition. Through September 30, 2019, acquired entities' impact on revenues and net earnings was not material.

Unaudited pro forma revenues for the nine months ended September 30, 2019 and 2018 as if the acquisitions had occurred on January 1, 2018 were immaterial for both periods. The pro forma effects of the acquisitions on net earnings were immaterial for both years.

9. Segment Financial Information

The Company's four reportable segments are UnitedHealthcare, OptumHealth, OptumInsight and OptumRx For more information on the Company's segments see Part I, Item I, "Business" and Note 13 of Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements in Part II, Item 8, "Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" in the 2018 10-K. Total assets at OptumHealth increased to \$40.1 billion as of September 30, 2019 compared to \$29.8 billion as of December 31, 2018, primarily due to goodwill and other intangibles assets from a second quarter 2019 acquisition and the recognition of ROU assets from ASU 2016-02. Total assets at OptumInsight increased to \$15.1 billion as of September 30, 2019 compared to \$11.0 billion as of December 31, 2018, primarily due to goodwill and other intangibles assets from a third quarter 2019 acquisition.

The following tables present reportable segment financial information:

						Optum						
(in millions)	UnitedHealthcare	_ 0	ptumHealth	C	ptumInsight	OptumRx	Opti	mEliminations	 Optum	Corporate and Eliminations	_ (Consolidated
Three Months Ended September 30, 2019 Revenues - unaffiliated customers:												
Premiums	\$ 45,557	\$	1,840	\$	_	\$ _	\$	_	\$ 1,840	\$ _	\$	47,397
Products	_		6		29	7,511		_	7,546	_		7,546
Services	2,274		1,487		988	 193			 2,668			4,942
Total revenues - unaffiliated customers	 47,831		3,333		1,017	7,704		_	12,054	 _		59,885
Total revenues - affiliated customers	_		4,630		1,594	10,734		(441)	16,517	(16,517)		_
Investment and other income	274		170		6	16		_	192	_		466
Total revenues	\$ 48,105	\$	8,133	\$	2,617	\$ 18,454	\$	(441)	\$ 28,763	\$ (16,517)	\$	60,351
Earnings from operations	\$ 2,655	\$	748	\$	632	\$ 979	\$		\$ 2,359	\$ _	\$	5,014
Interest expense	_		_		_	_		_	_	(449)		(449)
Earnings before income taxes	\$ 2,655	\$	748	\$	632	\$ 979	\$	_	\$ 2,359	\$ (449)	\$	4,565
Three Months Ended September 30, 2018 Revenues - unaffiliated customers:												
Premiums	\$ 43,628	\$	985	\$	_	\$ _	\$	_	\$ 985	\$ _	\$	44,613
Products	_		13		29	7,302		_	7,344	_		7,344
Services	2,067		1,196		790	164		_	2,150	_		4,217
Total revenues - unaffiliated customers	45,695		2,194		819	7,466		_	10,479	_		56,174
Total revenues - affiliated customers	_		3,733		1,431	9,960		(352)	14,772	(14,772)		_
Investment and other income	242		125		4	11		_	140	_		382
Total revenues	\$ 45,937	\$	6,052	\$	2,254	\$ 17,437	\$	(352)	\$ 25,391	\$ (14,772)	\$	56,556
Earnings from operations	\$ 2,559	\$	622	\$	534	\$ 875	\$		\$ 2,031	\$ _	\$	4,590
Interest expense	_		_		_	_		_	_	(353)		(353)
Earnings before income taxes	\$ 2,559	\$	622	\$	534	\$ 875	\$		\$ 2,031	\$ (353)	\$	4,237
					16							

					Optum					
(in millions)	UnitedHealthcare	C	ptumHealth	Optuminsight	OptumRx	Opt	umElininations	Optum	Corporate and Eliminations	Consolidated
Nine Months Ended September 30, 2019 Revenues - unaffiliated customers:										
Premiums	\$ 138,088	\$	3,986	\$ _	\$ _	\$	_	\$ 3,986	\$ _	\$ 142,074
Products	_		23	74	23,874		_	23,971	_	23,971
Services	 6,603		4,131	 2,532	 490			 7,153		 13,756
Total revenues - unaffiliated customers	144,691		8,140	2,606	24,364		_	35,110	_	179,801
Total revenues - affiliated customers	_		13,366	4,522	30,786		(1,181)	47,493	(47,493)	_
Investment and other income	904		488	17	44			549		1,453
Total revenues	\$ 145,595	\$	21,994	\$ 7,145	\$ 55,194	\$	(1,181)	\$ 83,152	\$ (47,493)	\$ 181,254
Earnings from operations	\$ 8,251	\$	2,062	\$ 1,589	\$ 2,688	\$		\$ 6,339	\$ _	\$ 14,590
Interest expense	_		_	_	_			_	(1,267)	(1,267)
Earnings before income taxes	\$ 8,251	\$	2,062	\$ 1,589	\$ 2,688	\$		\$ 6,339	\$ (1,267)	\$ 13,323
Nine Months Ended September 30, 2018 Revenues - unaffiliated customers:										
Premiums	\$ 130,361	\$	2,794	\$ _	\$ _	\$	_	\$ 2,794	\$ _	\$ 133,155
Products	_		37	72	20,941		_	21,050	_	21,050
Services	6,248		3,587	2,306	449		_	6,342	_	12,590
Total revenues - unaffiliated customers	136,609		6,418	2,378	21,390		_	30,186	_	166,795
Total revenues - affiliated customers	_		10,979	4,115	29,062		(1,026)	43,130	(43,130)	_
Investment and other income	633		355	15	32		_	402	_	1,035
Total revenues	\$ 137,242	\$	17,752	\$ 6,508	\$ 50,484	\$	(1,026)	\$ 73,718	\$ (43,130)	\$ 167,830
Earnings from operations	\$ 7,316	\$	1,680	\$ 1,382	\$ 2,469	\$		\$ 5,531	\$ _	\$ 12,847
Interest expense	_		_	_	_		_	_	(1,026)	(1,026)
Earnings before income taxes	\$ 7,316	\$	1,680	\$ 1,382	\$ 2,469	\$		\$ 5,531	\$ (1,026)	\$ 11,821

ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The following discussion should be read together with the accompanying Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes and with our 2018 10-K, including the Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes in Part II, Item 8, "Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" in that report. Unless the context indicates otherwise, references to the terms "UnitedHealth Group," "we," "our" or "us" used throughout this Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations refer to UnitedHealth Group Incorporated and its consolidated subsidiaries.

Readers are cautioned that the statements, estimates, projections or outlook contained in this Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, including discussions regarding financial prospects, economic conditions, trends and uncertainties contained in this Item 2, may constitute forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (PSLRA). These forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties that may cause our actual results to differ materially from the results discussed or implied in the forward-looking statements. A description of some of the risks and uncertainties is set forth in Part I, Item 1A, "Risk Factors" in our 2018 10-K and in the discussion below.

EXECUTIVE OVERVIEW

General

UnitedHealth Group is a diversified health care company dedicated to helping people live healthier lives and helping make the health system work better for everyone. Through our diversified family of businesses, we leverage core competencies in data and health information; advanced technology; and clinical expertise. These core competencies are deployed within two distinct,

but strategically aligned, business platforms: health benefits operating under UnitedHealthcare and health services operating under Optum.

Further information on our business is presented in Part I, Item 1, "Business" and Part II, Item 7, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" in our 2018 10-K and additional information on our segments can be found in this Item 2 and in Note 9 of Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements included in Part I, Item 1 of this report.

Business Trends

Our businesses participate in the United States, South American and certain other international health markets. In the United States, health care spending has grown consistently for many years and comprises approximately 18% of gross domestic product. Overall spending on health care is impacted by inflation; medical technology and pharmaceutical advancement; regulatory requirements; demographic trends in the population and national interest in health and well-being, mitigated by our continued efforts to control health care costs. The rate of market growth may be affected by a variety of factors, including macro-economic conditions and regulatory changes, which could impact our results of operations.

Pricing Trends. To price our health care benefit products, we start with our view of expected future costs, including any impact from the Health Insurance Industry Tax. We frequently evaluate and adjust our approach in each of the local markets we serve, considering all relevant factors, such as product positioning, price competitiveness and environmental, competitive, legislative and regulatory considerations, including minimum medical loss ratio (MLR) thresholds. We will continue seeking to balance growth and profitability across all of these dimensions.

The commercial risk market remains highly competitive in both the small group and large group segments. We expect broad-based competition to continue as the industry adapts to individual and employer needs amid reform changes. Pricing for contracts that cover some portion of calendar year 2020 reflects the return of the Health Insurance Industry Tax after a moratorium in 2019.

Government programs in the public and senior sector tend to receive lower rates of increase than the commercial market due to governmental budget pressures and lower cost trends.

Medical Cost Trends. Our medical cost trends primarily relate to changes in unit costs, health system utilization and prescription drug costs. We endeavor to mitigate those increases by engaging physicians and consumers with information and helping them make clinically sound choices, with the objective of helping themachieve high quality, affordable care.

Regulatory Trends and Uncertainties

Following is a summary of management's view of regulatory trends and uncertainties. For additional information regarding regulatory trends and uncertainties, see Part I, Item 1 "Business - Government Regulation," Part 1, Item 1A, "Risk Factors" and Part II, Item 7, "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" in our 2018 10-K.

Medicare Advantage Rates. Final 2020 Medicare Advantage rates resulted in an increase in industry base rates of approximately 2.5%, short of the industry forward medical cost trend, including the return of the non-reimbursable Health Insurance Industry Tax, creating continued pressure in the Medicare Advantage program.

Health Insurance Industry Tax. There is a one year moratorium on the Health Insurance Industry Tax in 2019. This moratorium impacts year-over-year comparability of our financial statements, including revenues, operating costs, medical care ratio (MCR), operating cost ratio, effective tax rate and cash flows from operations.

SELECTED OPERATING PERFORMANCE AND OTHER SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

The following summarizes select third quarter 2019 year-over-year operating comparisons to third quarter 2018.

- Consolidated revenues grew 7%, UnitedHealthcare revenues grew 5% and Optum revenues grew 13%.
- UnitedHealthcare served 415,000 additional people primarily as a result of acquisitions and growth in services to self-funded employers and seniors.
- Consolidated earnings from operations increased 9%, including increases of 4% at UnitedHealthcare and 16% at Optum.
- Diluted earnings per common share increased 13%.
- Cash flows from operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2019 were \$12.3 billion.
- Return on equity was 26.2%.

RESULTS SUMMARY

The following table summarizes our consolidated results of operations and other financial information:

(in millions, except percentages and per share	 Three Mo		 Increase/(Decrease)	Nine Mor Septer		Increase/(Decrease)		
data)	2019	2018	2019 vs	s. 2018	2019	2018		2019 vs.	2018
Revenues:									
Premiums	\$ 47,397	\$ 44,613	\$ 2,784	6%	\$ 142,074	\$ 133,155	\$	8,919	7%
Products	7,546	7,344	202	3	23,971	21,050		2,921	14
Services	4,942	4,217	725	17	13,756	12,590		1,166	9
Investment and other income	466	382	84	22	1,453	1,035		418	40
Total revenues	60,351	56,556	3,795	7	181,254	167,830		13,424	8
Operating costs:									
Medical costs	39,041	36,158	2,883	8	117,164	108,448		8,716	8
Operating costs	8,960	8,479	481	6	25,892	25,371		521	2
Cost of products sold	6,627	6,718	(91)	(1)	21,606	19,373		2,233	12
Depreciation and amortization	709	611	98	16	2,002	1,791		211	12
Total operating costs	55,337	51,966	3,371	6	166,664	154,983		11,681	8
Earnings from operations	5,014	 4,590	424	9	14,590	 12,847		1,743	14
Interest expense	(449)	(353)	(96)	27	(1,267)	(1,026)		(241)	23
Earnings before income taxes	4,565	 4,237	328	8	13,323	 11,821		1,502	13
Provision for income taxes	(936)	(953)	17	(2)	(2,752)	(2,603)		(149)	6
Net earnings	3,629	3,284	345	11	10,571	9,218		1,353	15
Earnings attributable to noncontrolling interests	(91)	(96)	5	(5)	(273)	(272)		(1)	_
Net earnings attributable to UnitedHealth Group common shareholders	\$ 3,538	\$ 3,188	\$ 350	11 %	\$ 10,298	\$ 8,946	\$	1,352	15%
Diluted earnings per share attributable to UnitedHealth Group common shareholders	\$ 3.67	\$ 3.24	\$ 0.43	13 %	\$ 10.65	\$ 9.09	\$	1.56	17%
Medical care ratio (a)	82.4%	81.0%	1.4 %		82.5%	81.4%		1.1 %	
Operating cost ratio	14.8	15.0	(0.2)		14.3	15.1		(0.8)	
Operating margin	8.3	8.1	0.2		8.0	7.7		0.3	
Tax rate	20.5	22.5	(2.0)		20.7	22.0		(1.3)	
Net earnings margin (b)	5.9	5.6	0.3		5.7	5.3		0.4	
Return on equity (c)	26.2%	25.9%	0.3 %		26.0%	24.6%		1.4 %	

⁽a) Medical care ratio is calculated as medical costs divided by premium revenue.

2019 RESULTS OF OPERATIONS COMPARED TO 2018 RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Consolidated Financial Results

Revenue

The increases in revenue were primarily driven by the increase in the number of individuals served through Medicare Advantage; pricing trends; and acquisition and organic growth across the Optum business, primarily due to expansion in pharmacy care services and care delivery; partially offset by the moratorium of the Health Insurance Industry Tax in 2019.

Medical Costs and MCR

Medical costs increased due to growth in people served through Medicare Advantage and medical cost trends, partially offset by increased prior year favorable medical cost development. The MCR increased primarily due to the revenue effects of the Health Insurance Industry Tax moratorium.

Operating Cost Ratio

The operating cost ratio decreased due to the impact of the Health Insurance Industry Tax moratorium and effective operating cost management.

⁽b) Net earnings margin attributable to UnitedHealth Group shareholders.

⁽c) Return on equity is calculated as annualized net earnings attributable to UnitedHealth Group common shareholders divided by average shareholders' equity. Average shareholders' equity is calculated using the shareholders' equity balance at the end of the preceding year and the shareholders' equity balances at the end of each of the quarters in the year presented.

Income Tax Rate

Our effective tax rate decreased primarily due to the impact of the moratorium of the nondeductible Health Insurance Industry Tax.

Reportable Segments

See Note 9 of Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements included in Part I, Item 1 of this report for more information on our segments. The following table presents a summary of the reportable segment financial information:

	 Three Months Ended September 30, Increase/(Decrease) Nine Months E September 30, September 3											
(in millions, except percentages)	2019		2018	2019 vs.	2018		2019		2018		2019 vs	. 2018
Revenues												
UnitedHealthcare	\$ 48,105	\$	45,937	\$ 2,168	5	%	\$ 145,595	\$	137,242	\$	8,353	6%
OptumHealth	8,133		6,052	2,081	34		21,994		17,752		4,242	24
OptumInsight	2,617		2,254	363	16		7,145		6,508		637	10
OptumRx	18,454		17,437	1,017	6		55,194		50,484		4,710	9
Optum eliminations	(441)		(352)	(89)	25		(1,181)		(1,026)		(155)	15
Optum	28,763		25,391	3,372	13		83,152		73,718		9,434	13
Eliminations	(16,517)		(14,772)	(1,745)	12		(47,493)		(43,130)		(4,363)	10
Consolidated revenues	\$ 60,351	\$	56,556	\$ 3,795	7	%	\$ 181,254	\$	167,830	\$	13,424	8%
Earnings from operations												
UnitedHealthcare	\$ 2,655	\$	2,559	\$ 96	4	%	\$ 8,251	\$	7,316	\$	935	13%
OptumHealth	748		622	126	20		2,062		1,680		382	23
OptumInsight	632		534	98	18		1,589		1,382		207	15
OptumRx	979		875	104	12		2,688		2,469		219	9
Optum	2,359		2,031	328	16		6,339		5,531		808	15
Consolidated earnings from operations	\$ 5,014	\$	4,590	\$ 424	9	%	\$ 14,590	\$	12,847	\$	1,743	14%
Operating margin		-		 								
UnitedHealthcare	5.5%		5.6%	(0.1)%			5.7%		5.3%		0.4 %	
OptumHealth	9.2		10.3	(1.1)			9.4		9.5		(0.1)	
OptumInsight	24.1		23.7	0.4			22.2		21.2		1.0	
OptumRx	5.3		5.0	0.3			4.9		4.9		_	
Optum	8.2		8.0	0.2			7.6		7.5		0.1	
Consolidated operating margin	8.3%		8.1%	0.2 %			8.0%		7.7%		0.3 %	

${\it United Health care}$

The following table summarizes UnitedHealthcare revenues by business:

	 Three Mo Septen	 	Increase/(Decrease)				Nine Mor Septen	 	Increase/(Decrease)				
(in millions, except percentages)	2019	2018		2019 v	s. 2018		2019	2018		2019 vs. 2	2018		
UnitedHealthcare Employer & Individual	\$ 14,291	\$ 13,734	\$	557	4 %	\$	42,407	\$ 40,856	\$	1,551	4%		
UnitedHealthcare Medicare & Retirement	20,698	18,789		1,909	10		62,649	56,573		6,076	11		
UnitedHealthcare Community & State	10,670	11,054		(384)	(3)		33,038	32,471		567	2		
UnitedHealthcare Global	2,446	2,360		86	4		7,501	7,342		159	2		
Total UnitedHealthcare revenues	\$ 48,105	\$ 45,937	\$	2,168	5 %	\$	145,595	\$ 137,242	\$	8,353	6%		

The following table summarizes the number of individuals served by our UnitedHealthcare businesses, by major market segment and funding arrangement:

	Septen	iber 30,	Increase/(Decrease)		
(in thousands, except percentages)	2019	2018	2019 vs. 2	2018	
Commercial:					
Risk-based	8,605	8,450	155	2 %	
Fee-based	19,230	18,365	865	5	
Total commercial	27,835	26,815	1,020	4	
Medicare Advantage	5,230	4,915	315	6	
Medicaid	5,965	6,630	(665)	(10)	
Medicare Supplement (Standardized)	4,510	4,540	(30)	(1)	
Total public and senior	15,705	16,085	(380)	(2)	
Total UnitedHealthcare - domestic medical	43,540	42,900	640	1	
International	5,845	6,070	(225)	(4)	
Total UnitedHealthcare - medical	49,385	48,970	415	1 %	
Supplemental Data:					
Medicare Part D stand-alone	4,415	4,725	(310)	(7)%	

Fee-based commercial group business increased primarily due to an acquisition. Medicare Advantage increased due to growth in people served through individual and employer-sponsored group Medicare Advantage plans. The decrease in people served through Medicaid was primarily driven by proactive withdrawal from the Iowa market as well as by states adding new carriers to existing programs and managing eligibility, partially offset by increases in Dual Special Needs Plans.

UnitedHealthcare's revenue and earnings from operations increased due to growth in the number of individuals served through Commercial and Medicare Advantage, including a greater mix of people with higher acuity needs. Revenue increases were partially offset by the moratorium on the Health Insurance Industry Tax in 2019. Earnings from operations were also favorably impacted by operating cost management.

Optum

Total revenues and earnings from operations increased as each segment reported increased revenues and earnings from operations as a result of productivity and overall cost management initiatives in addition to the factors discussed below.

The results by segment were as follows:

OptumHealth

Revenue increased at OptumHealth primarily due to organic growth and acquisitions in care delivery, increased care services and organic growth in behavioral health. Increased operating earnings were primarily due to care delivery and care services. OptumHealth served approximately 95 million people as of September 30, 2019 compared to 92 million people as of September 30, 2018.

OptumInsight

Revenue and earnings from operations at OptumInsight increased primarily due to organic and acquisition growth in managed services.

OptumRx

Revenue at OptumRx increased primarily due to acquisitions and organic growth in specialty pharmacy, partially offset by an expected large client transition. Earnings from operations increased primarily due to the factors that increased revenue as well as improved supply chain management. OptumRx fulfilled 325 million and 331 million adjusted scripts in the third quarter of 2019 and 2018, respectively. The decrease was due to the large client transition.

LIQUIDITY, FINANCIAL CONDITION AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

Liquidity

Summary of our Major Sources and Uses of Cash and Cash Equivalents

		Nine Months Ended September 30,			Increase/(Decrease)	
(in millions)		2019 2018		2019 vs. 2018		
Sources of cash:	_					_
Cash provided by operating activities	\$	12,258	\$	13,317	\$	(1,059)
Issuances of commercial paper and long-term debt, net of repayments		8,192		1,200		6,992
Proceeds from common stock issuances		740		745		(5)
Customer funds administered		420		1,552		(1,132)
Other		338		_		338
Total sources of cash		21,948		16,814		
Uses of cash:						
Common stock repurchases		(5,101)		(3,650)		(1,451)
Cash paid for acquisitions, net of cash assumed		(8,200)		(5,824)		(2,376)
Purchases of investments, net of sales and maturities		(2,028)		(3,729)		1,701
Purchases of property, equipment and capitalized software		(1,421)		(1,505)		84
Cash dividends paid		(2,908)		(2,454)		(454)
Other		(756)		(1,273)		517
Total uses of cash		(20,414)		(18,435)		
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents		(37)		(97)		60
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	\$	1,497	\$	(1,718)	\$	3,215

2019 Cash Flows Compared to 2018 Cash Flows

Decreased cash flows provided by operating activities were primarily driven by changes in working capital accounts, partially offset by higher net earnings. Other significant changes in sources or uses of cash year-over-year included increased issuances of commercial paper and decreased net purchases of investments partially offset by increases in cash paid for acquisitions and common stock repurchases.

Financial Condition

As of September 30, 2019, our cash, cash equivalent, available-for-sale debt securities and equity securities balances of \$50.4 billion included approximately \$12.4 billion of cash and cash equivalents (of which \$1.5 billion was available for general corporate use), \$35.9 billion of debt securities and \$2.0 billion of investments in equity securities. Given the significant portion of our portfolio held in cash and cash equivalents, we do not anticipate fluctuations in the aggregate fair value of our financial assets to have a material impact on our liquidity or capital position. Our available-for-sale debt portfolio had a weighted-average duration of 3.3 years and a weighted-average credit rating of "Double A" as of September 30, 2019. When multiple credit ratings are available for an individual security, the average of the available ratings is used to determine the weighted-average credit rating.

Capital Resources and Uses of Liquidity

In addition to cash flows from operations and cash and cash equivalent balances available for general corporate use, our capital resources and uses of liquidity are as follows:

Commercial Paper and Bank Credit Facilities. Our revolving bank credit facilities provide liquidity support for our commercial paper borrowing program, which facilitates the private placement of unsecured debt through third-party broker-dealers, and are available for general corporate purposes. For more information on our commercial paper and bank credit facilities, see Note 5 of Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements included in Part I, Item 1 of this report.

Our revolving bank credit facilities contain various covenants, including covenants requiring us to maintain a defined debt to debt-plus-shareholders' equity ratio of not more than 60%. As of September 30, 2019, our debt to debt-plus-shareholders' equity ratio, as defined and calculated under the credit facilities, was approximately 41%.

Long-Term Debt. Periodically, we access capital markets and issue long-term debt for general corporate purposes, such as to meet our working capital requirements, to refinance debt, to finance acquisitions or for share repurchases. For more information on our long-term debt, see Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements included in Part I, Item 1 of this report.

Credit Ratings. Our credit ratings as of September 30, 2019 were as follows:

	Mo	Moody's		Global	F	itch	A.M. Best		
	Ratings	Outlook	Ratings	Outlook	Ratings	Outlook	Ratings	Outlook	
Senior unsecured debt	A3	Stable	A+	Stable	A-	Stable	A-	Stable	
Commercial paper	P-2	n/a	A-1	n/a	F1	n/a	AMB-1	n/a	

The availability of financing in the form of debt or equity is influenced by many factors, including our profitability, operating cash flows, debt levels, credit ratings, debt covenants and other contractual restrictions, regulatory requirements and economic and market conditions. For example, a significant downgrade in our credit ratings or adverse conditions in the capital markets may increase the cost of borrowing for us or limit our access to capital.

Share Repurchase Program. During the nine months ended September 30, 2019, we repurchased 21 million shares at an average price of \$245.18 per share. As of September 30, 2019, we had Board authorization to purchase up to 74 million shares of our common stock.

Dividends. In June 2019, our Board increased our quarterly cash dividend to shareholders to an annual dividend rate of \$4.32 per share. For more information on our dividend, see Note 6 of Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements included in Part I, Item 1 of this report.

For additional liquidity discussion, see Note 10 of Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements in Part II, Item 8, "Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" and "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" in Part II, Item 7 in our 2018 10-K.

CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS AND COMMITMENTS

A summary of future obligations under our various contractual obligations and commitments as of December 31, 2018 was disclosed in our 2018 10-K. During the nine months ended September 30, 2019, there were no material changes to this previously disclosed information outside the ordinary course of business. However, we continually evaluate opportunities to expand our operations, including through internal development of new products, programs and technology applications and acquisitions.

RECENTLY ISSUED ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

See Note 1 of Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements in Part I, Item 1 of this report for a discussion of new accounting pronouncements that affect us.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES

In preparing our Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements, we are required to make judgments, assumptions and estimates, which we believe are reasonable and prudent based on the available facts and circumstances. These judgments, assumptions and estimates affect certain of our revenues and expenses and their related balance sheet accounts and disclosure of our contingent liabilities. We base our assumptions and estimates primarily on historical experience and consider known and projected trends. On an ongoing basis, we re-evaluate our selection of assumptions and the method of calculating our estimates. Actual results, however, may materially differ from our calculated estimates, and this difference would be reported in our current operations.

Our critical accounting estimates include medical costs payable and goodwill. For a detailed description of our critical accounting estimates, see "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" in Part II, Item 7 in our 2018 10-K. For a detailed discussion of our significant accounting policies, see Note 2 of Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements in Part II, Item 8, "Financial Statements and Supplementary Data" in our 2018 10-K.

FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

The statements, estimates, projections, guidance or outlook contained in this document include "forward-looking" statements which are intended to take advantage of the "safe harbor" provisions of the federal securities law. The words "believe,"

"expect," "intend," "estimate," "anticipate," "forecast," "outlook," "plan," "project," "should" and similar expressions identify forward-looking statements. These statements may contain information about financial prospects, economic conditions and trends and involve risks and uncertainties.

Actual results could differ materially from those that management expects, depending on the outcome of certain factors including: our ability to effectively estimate, price for and manage medical costs; new or changes in existing health care laws or regulations, or their enforcement or application; the DOJ's legal action relating to the risk adjustment submission matter; our ability to maintain and achieve improvement in quality scores impacting revenue; reductions in revenue or delays to cash flows received under government programs; changes in Medicare, the CMS star ratings program or the application of risk adjustment data validation audits; cyber-attacks, other privacy/data security incidents, or our failure to comply with related regulations; risks and uncertainties associated with the pharmacy benefits management industry; competitive pressures; changes in or challenges to our public sector contract awards; our ability to contract on competitive terms with physicians, hospitals and other service providers; failure to achieve targeted operating cost productivity improvements; increases in costs and other liabilities associated with litigation, government investigations, audits or reviews; failure to manage successfully our strategic alliances or complete or receive anticipated benefits of strategic transactions; fluctuations in foreign currency exchange rates; downgrades in our credit ratings; our investment portfolio performance; impairment of our goodwill and intangible assets; failure to maintain effective and efficient information systems or if our technology products do not operate as intended; and our ability to obtain sufficient funds from our regulated subsidiaries or from external financings to fund our obligations, maintain our debt to total capital ratio at targeted levels, maintain our quarterly dividend payment cycle, or continue repurchasing shares of our common stock.

This above list is not exhaustive. We discuss these matters, and certain risks that may affect our business operations, financial condition and results of operations more fully in our filings with the SEC, including our reports on Forms 10-K, 10-Q and 8-K. By their nature, forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future performance or results and are subject to risks, uncertainties and assumptions that are difficult to predict or quantify. Actual results may vary materially from expectations expressed or implied in this document or any of our prior communications. You should not place undue reliance on forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date they are made. We do not undertake to update or revise any forward-looking statements, except as required by law.

ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

We manage exposure to market interest rates by diversifying investments across different fixed-income market sectors and debt across maturities, as well as by endeavoring to match our floating-rate assets and liabilities over time, either directly or through the use of interest rate swap contracts. Unrealized gains and losses on investments in available-for-sale debt securities are reported in comprehensive income.

The following table summarizes the impact of hypothetical changes in market interest rates across the entire yield curve by 1% point or 2% points as of September 30, 2019 on our investment income and interest expense per annum, and the fair value of our investments and debt (in millions, except percentages):

	September 30, 2019								
Increase (Decrease) in Market Interest Rate		Investment Income Per Annum		Interest Expense Per Annum	Fair Value of Financial Assets			Fair Value of Financial Liabilities	
2 %	\$	310	\$	268	\$	(2,607)	\$	(6,824)	
1		155		134		(1,293)		(3,709)	
(1)		(155)		(134)		1,227		4,440	
(2)		(310)		(268)		1,954		9,440	

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

EVALUATION OF DISCLOSURE CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

We maintain disclosure controls and procedures as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Exchange Act) that are designed to provide reasonable assurance that information required to be disclosed by us in reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is (i) recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in SEC rules and forms; and (ii) accumulated and communicated to our management, including our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

In connection with the filing of this quarterly report on Form 10-Q, management evaluated, under the supervision and with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures as of September 30, 2019. Based upon that evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective at the reasonable assurance level as of September 30, 2019.

CHANGES IN INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

There have been no changes in our internal control over financial reporting during the quarter ended September 30, 2019 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

A description of our legal proceedings is included in and incorporated by reference to Note 7 of Notes to the Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements contained in Part I, Item 1 of this report.

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

In addition to the other information set forth in this report, you should carefully consider the factors discussed in Part I, Item 1A, "Risk Factors" of our 2018 10-K, which could materially affect our business, financial condition or future results. The risks described in our 2018 10-K are not the only risks facing us. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us or that we currently deem to be immaterial also may materially adversely affect our business, financial condition or future results.

There have been no material changes to the risk factors disclosed in our 2018 10-K.

ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALE OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

In November 1997, our Board of Directors adopted a share repurchase program, which the Board evaluates periodically. There is no established expiration date for the program. During the third quarter 2019, we repurchased approximately 3 million shares at an average price of \$233.38 per share. As of September 30, 2019, we had Board authorization to purchase up to 74 million shares of our common stock.

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS*

The following exhibits are filed or incorporated by reference herein in response to Item 601 of Regulation S-K. The Company files Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q and Current Reports on Form 8-K pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 under Commission File No. 1-10864.

- 3.1 Certificate of Incorporation of UnitedHealth Group Incorporated (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form 8-A/A filed on July 1, 2015)
- 3.2 Bylaws of UnitedHealth Group Incorporated, effective August 15, 2017 (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.1 to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K filed on August 16, 2017)
- 4.1 Senior Indenture, dated as of November 15, 1998, between United HealthCare Corporation and The Bank of New York (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3/A, SEC File Number 333-66013, filed on January 11, 1999)
- 4.2 Amendment, dated as of November 6, 2000, to Senior Indenture, dated as of November 15, 1998, between United Health Group Incorporated and The Bank of New York (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2001)
- 4.3 Instrument of Resignation, Appointment and Acceptance of Trustee, dated January 8, 2007, pursuant to the Senior Indenture, dated as of November 15, 1998, amended November 6, 2000, among UnitedHealth Group Incorporated, The Bank of New York and Wilmington Trust Company (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2007)
- 4.4 Indenture, dated as of February 4, 2008, between UnitedHealth Group Incorporated and U.S. Bank National Association (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-3, SEC File Number 333-149031, filed on February 4, 2008)
- 10.1 Separation and Release Agreement, effective as of September 30, 2019, between Steven H. Nelson and United HealthCare Services, Inc.
- 31.1 Certifications pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
- 22.1 Certifications pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002
- 101.INS XBRL Instance Document the instance document does not appear in the Interactive Data File because its XBRL tags are embedded within the Inline XBRL document.
- 101.SCH Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document.
- 101.CAL Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document.
- 101.DEF Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document.
- 101.LAB Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document.
- 101.PRE Inline XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document.
 - 104 Cover Page Interactive Data File (formatted as Inline XBRL and embedded within Exhibit 101).

Pursuant to Item 601(b)(4)(iii) of Regulation S-K, copies of instruments defining the rights of certain holders of long-term debt are not filed. The Company will furnish copies thereof to the SEC upon request.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

UNITEDHEALTH GROUP INCORPORATED

/s/ DAVID S. WICHMANN David S. Wichmann	Chief Executive Officer (principal executive officer)		November 6, 2019
/s/ JOHN F. REX John F. Rex	Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (principal financial officer)	Dated:	November 6, 2019
/s/ THOMAS E. ROOS Thomas E. Roos	Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer (principal accounting officer)	Dated:	November 6, 2019