

UnitedHealth Group Incorporated (UNH) - ANALYST REPORT

Executive Summary with Comprehensive Analysis

\$425.36 **-\$1.18 (-0.28%)** AS OF 2026-07-02

Strategy: Conservative Stop Loss (Fixed ATR-based)

■ QUICK DECISION

Action: HOLD | Confidence: LOW | Signal Strength: 3/7

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY - Essential Metrics

TECHNICAL METRICS	VALUE	FUNDAMENTAL METRICS	VALUE
Current Price	\$425.36	Market Cap	\$386.3B
Past Win Rate (Backtest)	66.7%	Forward P/E	20.3x
Past Total Return	+58.1%	Analyst Target	\$411.88
RSI / Trend Strength	65 / 46	Upside to Target	-3.2%
MACD Signal	Bullish	Revenue Growth	+2.0%
Profit Factor	2.75	Institutional Own.	85.8%
Position Entry	2026-06-26 @ \$427.89	Analyst Ratings	23 Buy / 4 Hold / 1 Sell
Open Position Past P&L	-0.6%		

■ TECHNICAL ANALYSIS SUMMARY

Indicator	Value	Signal
EMA 20	\$408.77	Bullish
EMA 50	\$385.08	Bullish
RSI (14)	65.3	Strong bullish momentum
Trend Strength (ADX)	46.1	Strong trend (25-50)

■ CONSENSUS & INVESTMENT RATIONALE

RATING	HOLD
Target Price	\$411.88
Upside/Downside	-3.2%
Risk/Reward	0.00:1
Time Horizon	6-12 months

Investment Rationale: Our HOLD rating is based on: (1) Technical backtest showing 66.7% win rate with +58.1% total return over backtest period, (2) -3.2% upside to analyst consensus target of \$411.88, (3) Challenged fundamental growth profile with +2.0% revenue growth, and (4) 85.8% institutional ownership indicating high conviction from professional investors.

Action: Maintain position with -0.6% unrealized gain. Watch for confluence signal to add.

Technical Signal: Confluence 3/7 (threshold: 5) | **Risk/Reward:** Neutral

■ KEY INSIGHT

The fixed stop strategy has proven effective (Win Rate: 66.7%, Avg Return: +11.4%), but patience is critical. Only enter on confirmed signals with proper risk management. Current technical confluence of 3 does not meet entry threshold of 5 - remain on sidelines. Fundamental backdrop shows 1% earnings growth with 86% institutional ownership, indicating strong conviction from professional investors.

■ INTELLIGENT STOP LOSS STRATEGY

METRIC	VALUE	DETAILS
Current Price	\$425.36	Latest market price
Buy Stop Loss	\$404.82	Conservative 2.0x ATR (4.8% distance)
Position Stop Loss	\$399.68	Adaptive 2.50x ATR (6.0% distance)
ATR (14-day)	\$10.27	Volatility: 2.4% of price
ADX Strength	46.1	Strong trend

Status: Position down -1% - Wider stops for recovery

ADX: 20-25 = Emerging trend | 25-50 = Strong trend | 50+ = Very strong

■ Strategy Comparison: Conservative vs Adaptive

METRIC	CONSERVATIVE (2.0x ATR)	ADAPTIVE (Dynamic)
Past Win Rate	67%	58%
Past Total Return	+58.1%	+64.1%
Max Drawdown	-9.7%	-9.3%
Total Trades	15	19
Position	OPEN	OPEN

Both strategies analyzed independently. Conservative uses fixed 2.0x ATR stops. Adaptive adjusts stops based on position profit.

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■ ANALYST RATING CHANGES - COMPLETE HISTORY

All recent upgrades, downgrades, and price target changes (last 90 days)

Firm	Action	From → To	Date
B of A Securities	UPGRADE	Neutral → Buy	Jun 04, 2026
Argus Research	UPGRADE	Hold → Buy	Apr 22, 2026
Truist Securities	REITERATED	Buy → Buy	Apr 22, 2026

Analyst Price Targets

Average Target: \$411.88 (-3.2% from current)

High Target: \$492.00 (+15.7%)

Low Target: \$287.00 (-32.5%)

Current Price: \$425.36

DETAILED ANALYSIS: BUY-SIDE PERSPECTIVE

In-Depth Portfolio Management Analysis

Expected Returns & Position Sizing

Based on backtest performance (Win Rate: 66.7%, Avg Return: +11.4%) and analyst consensus (Target: \$411.88, -3.2% upside), an **UNDERWEIGHT** exposure may be considered. Risk/Reward ratio of 0.00:1 suggests unfavorable risk-adjusted returns. Current open position shows -0.6% unrealized gain, supporting review decision.

Catalyst Calendar & Timing

Next Major Catalyst: Jul 16, 2026 earnings report

Seasonality: Historical analysis shows positive momentum in backtest period

Technical Setup: Bullish confluence

Institutional Activity: 85.8% institutional ownership (Largest: Blackrock Inc.)

Short Interest: 2.1% of float - Moderate short interest

Liquidity Profile

Average Volume: 7.6M shares/day - Lower liquidity

Market Cap: \$386.3B - Large cap

Beta: 0.63 - Lower than market volatility

Execution Risk: Moderate for institutional-sized positions

SELL-SIDE PERSPECTIVE - Investment Research Analysis

Investment Thesis

UnitedHealth Group Incorporated operates in the Healthcare sector (Healthcare Plans). Current valuation of 20.3x forward P/E reflects reasonable multiples relative to growth prospects. Operating margin of 8.0% shows moderate profitability. **Fundamental Outlook:** Neutral - Mixed signals with focus on execution and margin improvement

Valuation Analysis

Forward P/E: 20.3x

Trailing P/E: 32.1x

Price/Sales: 0.86x - Value territory

Price/Book: 3.95x

Enterprise Value: \$440.4B

EV/Revenue: 0.98x (vs industry avg)

Competitive Positioning & Market Share

Key Competitors: Various industry players

U.S. Market Share: 0% - Competitive player

Global Market Share: 0%

Competitive Advantages: Market position, Technology, Brand

Key Products: Core products and services

Institutional Sentiment & Ownership

Institutional Ownership: 85.8% - Very high institutional confidence

Largest Holder: Blackrock Inc. (73.5M shares)

Analyst Coverage: 28 analysts

Consensus: 23 Buy, 4 Hold, 1 Sell - Bullish sentiment

■ 7-DAY NEWS SENTIMENT ANALYSIS

Market Sentiment from Recent Financial News

METRIC	VALUE	ANALYSIS
Overall Score	+3.7 / 10	Slightly Bullish
Articles Analyzed	5	Last 7 days (top 5 shown per category)
Bullish Articles	3 (60%)	Positive sentiment
Bearish Articles	0 (0%)	Negative sentiment
Neutral Articles	2 (40%)	Mixed/Neutral tone

■ TOP BULLISH HEADLINES

1. Dear UnitedHealth Stock Fans, Mark Your Calendars for July 16 (Barchart, Jul 04)

UnitedHealth has clawed its way back impressively from last year's lows, and July 16 could be its biggest health check yet. Will another strong quarter...

Source: <https://www.barchart.com/story/news/3127094/dear-unitedhealth-stock-fans-mark-yo>

2. UnitedHealth Group Incorporated (UNH) is Attracting Investor Attention: Here is What You Should Know (Zacks, Jul 02)

UnitedHealth (UNH) has received quite a bit of attention from Zacks.com users lately. Therefore, it is wise to be aware of the facts that can impact t...

Source: <https://finance.yahoo.com/markets/stocks/articles/unitedhealth-group-incorporate>

3. UnitedHealth (UNH) Stock Looks Reasonable Even After A 42% Gain (Simply Wall St., Jul 03)

UnitedHealth Group has delivered a 41.5% return over the past year, yet its valuation checks paint a more mixed picture, leaving investors weighing a ...

Source: <https://finance.yahoo.com/markets/stocks/articles/unitedhealth-unh-stock-looks-r>

■ SENTIMENT INTERPRETATION

The news sentiment is **moderately bullish**, showing generally positive coverage with some caution. Market perception appears favorable but not overwhelmingly positive. This neutral-to-positive sentiment suggests steady conditions without extreme optimism.

DEEP DIVE: COMPREHENSIVE RISK ASSESSMENT

Detailed Risk Factors and Mitigation Strategies

Key Risks & Mitigants

Company-Specific Risks:

- Competition
- Market conditions
- Regulatory changes

Technical Risk Factors:

- Win Rate: 66.7% (10 wins, 5 losses)
- Profit Factor: 2.75x (Avg Win 20.9% vs Avg Loss -7.6%)
- Current Confluence: 3 (Active) - Moderate setup
- Volatility (ATR 14): \$10.27 (2.4% of price) - Stop loss typically 2-3x ATR

Market Risk:

- Beta: 0.63 - Below-average market sensitivity
- Short Interest: 2.1% - Normal short activity

REFERENCE: APPENDIX A - Complete Technical Indicators

Comprehensive Technical Data for Quantitative Analysis

Indicator	Value	Interpretation
EMA 20	\$408.77	Short-term trend
EMA 50	\$385.08	Medium-term trend
EMA 200	\$349.44	Long-term trend
Relative Strength	65.3	Strong bullish momentum
MACD	11.23	Bullish
MACD Signal	10.80	Signal line
MACD Histogram	0.44	Bullish
Volatility (ATR 14)	\$10.27	2.4% of price
Trend Strength (ADX)	46.1	Strong trend (25-50)
+DI	28.3	Positive directional movement
-DI	8.1	Negative directional movement
Stochastic %K	79.2	Neutral
Stochastic %D	77.1	Neutral
Bollinger Upper	\$428.78	Resistance zone
Bollinger Middle	\$409.63	Moving average
Bollinger Lower	\$390.48	Support zone
VWAP	\$425.37	Volume-weighted average

REFERENCE: APPENDIX B - Complete Fundamental Metrics

Comprehensive Fundamental Data for Financial Analysis

Category	Metric	Value	Interpretation
Valuation	Market Cap	\$386.3B	Total market value
Valuation	Enterprise Value	\$440.4B	Total company value
Valuation	Forward P/E	20.3x	Price to forward earnings
Valuation	Trailing P/E	32.1x	Price to trailing earnings
Valuation	PEG Ratio	1.47	P/E relative to growth
Valuation	Price/Sales	0.86x	Market cap to revenue
Valuation	Price/Book	3.95x	Price to book value
Valuation	EV/Revenue	0.98x	Enterprise value to revenue
Valuation	EV/EBITDA	20.5x	Enterprise value to EBITDA
Performance	Revenue (TTM)	\$449.7B	Trailing 12-month revenue
Performance	Revenue Growth	+2.0%	Year-over-year growth
Performance	Earnings Growth	+0.7%	Earnings growth rate
Performance	EPS Growth (Next Yr)	+57.7%	Forward EPS growth estimate
Performance	Gross Profit	\$84.6B	Revenue minus COGS
Performance	Operating Income	\$23.2B	EBIT
Performance	Net Income	\$12.0B	Bottom line profit
Performance	Free Cash Flow	\$17.7B	Cash after capex
Performance	Operating Cash Flow	\$23.2B	Cash from operations
Profitability	Gross Margin	18.8%	Gross profit margin
Profitability	Operating Margin	8.0%	Operating efficiency
Profitability	Profit Margin	2.7%	Net margin
Profitability	ROE	12.2%	Return on equity
Profitability	ROA	3.8%	Return on assets
Profitability	ROIC	N/A	Return on invested capital
Balance Sheet	Total Assets	\$0.0B	Total assets
Balance Sheet	Total Liabilities	\$0.0B	Total liabilities
Balance Sheet	Total Debt	\$77.9B	Total debt outstanding
Balance Sheet	Cash & Equivalents	\$31.2B	Liquid assets
Balance Sheet	Book Value/Share	\$107.80	Net worth per share
Balance Sheet	Current Ratio	0.80	Current assets/liabilities
Balance Sheet	Quick Ratio	0.72	Liquid assets/liabilities
Balance Sheet	Debt/Equity	0.74	Leverage ratio
Market	Beta	0.63	Market correlation
Market	52-Week High	\$430.20	Annual high
Market	52-Week Low	\$234.60	Annual low

Market	Avg Volume	7.6M	Average daily volume
Market	Shares Outstanding	0.9B	Total shares
Market	Float	0.9B	Tradeable shares
Market	Short Interest	2.1%	Shares sold short
Market	Institutional Own.	85.8%	Institution held
Analysts	Coverage Count	26	Number of analysts
Analysts	Average Rating	1.6	1=Strong Buy, 5=Sell
Analysts	Buy/Hold/Sell	23/4/1	Rating distribution
Analysts	Target Price	\$411.88	Average price target
Analysts	Target High	\$492.00	Highest target
Analysts	Target Low	\$287.00	Lowest target
Other	Next Earnings	Jul 16, 2026	Earnings report date
Other	Dividend Yield	2.18%	Annual dividend rate
Other	Ex-Dividend Date	1781481600	Next ex-div date

REFERENCE: APPENDIX C - Complete Trade History

Detailed Backtesting Results and Trade Log

Entry	Exit	Type	Entry \$	Exit \$	Past P&L %	Past P&L \$
2019-10-01	2019-12-20	CONFLUENCE	\$193.60	\$261.78	+35.2%	+\$1364
2020-01-31	2020-02-27	CONFLUENCE	\$243.76	\$227.18	-6.8%	-\$332
2020-04-20	2021-05-10	GOLDEN_CROSS	\$253.53	\$384.13	+51.5%	+\$914
2021-08-19	2021-09-24	CONFLUENCE	\$391.95	\$374.20	-4.5%	-\$320
2021-10-19	2022-05-12	CONFLUENCE	\$390.10	\$442.87	+13.5%	+\$686
2022-07-01	2023-02-07	GOLDEN_CROSS	\$480.28	\$445.42	-7.3%	-\$314
2023-03-10	2023-09-05	CONFLUENCE	\$431.49	\$452.54	+4.9%	+\$274
2023-09-22	2024-01-18	CONFLUENCE	\$478.20	\$489.54	+2.4%	+\$159
2024-04-02	2024-06-20	CONFLUENCE	\$436.07	\$463.14	+6.2%	+\$325
2024-06-28	2024-09-04	CONFLUENCE	\$486.79	\$577.52	+18.6%	+\$1089
2024-10-15	2024-10-29	CONFLUENCE	\$533.63	\$539.23	+1.1%	+\$56
2024-11-07	2024-12-11	GOLDEN_CROSS	\$580.78	\$513.76	-11.5%	-\$670
2025-02-21	2025-04-23	CONFLUENCE	\$449.13	\$413.86	-7.8%	-\$247
2025-08-15	2025-09-12	CONFLUENCE	\$296.08	\$343.32	+15.9%	+\$520
2026-03-27	2026-06-15	CONFLUENCE	\$257.55	\$411.04	+59.6%	+\$2456
2026-06-26	OPEN	CONFLUENCE	\$427.89	OPEN	-0.6%	-\$38

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