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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
McCarthy Margaret M

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
AETNA INC /PA/ [AET]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
AETNA INC., 151 FARMINGTON AVENUE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/19/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
EVP, Operations & Technology

(Street)
HARTFORD, CT 06156

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(City) (State) (Zip)

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Code V Amount (D) Price		

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Performance Stock Unit	(1)	01/19/2012	A	22,376					(2)	(2)	Common Stock	22,376

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
McCarthy Margaret M AETNA INC. 151 FARMINGTON AVENUE HARTFORD, CT 06156			EVP, Operations & Technology	

Signatures

Margaret M. McCarthy by Judith H. Jones, Attorney
-in-fact

01/23/2012

_____*Signature of Reporting Person

_____*Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * 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).
- (1) Performance Stock Units granted under the Aetna Inc. 2010 Stock Incentive Plan. Each Performance Stock Unit represents a right to receive up to two shares of Aetna Inc. Common Stock net taxes, depending on performance against the specified Company performance target.
- (2) Performance Stock Units originally granted on February 7, 2011. Units vest based on both service through December 7, 2012 and attaining the specified Company performance target. On January 19, 2012, the Company's Committee on Compensation and Organization determined that the performance target had been met. Units will vest if executive remains employed by the Company through December 7, 2012.

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