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FORM 4

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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)
 10/18/2010

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 CIO/SVP/Innov, Tech & Serv Ops

(Street)
 HARTFORD, CT 06156

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

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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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of 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)	8. Price of Derivative Security
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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)	(Instr. 3, 4, and 5)								(Instr. 4)
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Stock Units	<u>(1)</u>	10/18/2010	F		17.74		<u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	Common Stock	17.74			\$ 31

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
McCarthy Margaret M AETNA INC. 151 FARMINGTON AVENUE HARTFORD, CT 06156			CIO/SVP/Innov, Tech & Serv Ops	

Signatures

Margaret M. McCarthy by Judith H. Jones, Attorney
-in-fact 10/20/2010

**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) Stock Unit grant previously reported. Each Stock Unit represents a right to receive one share of Aetna Inc. Common Stock net of taxes.
- (2) Represents tax withholding on vesting of previously reported Stock Units. Upon vesting units were automatically deferred net of taxes to deferred stock unit account; dividend equivalents are reinvested.
- (3) Units will be paid six months following termination of employment. Of units reported, 5,865.92 are unvested. 837.99 units will vest on each of October 2011 and 2012. Balance of remaining shares will vest in October 2014.

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