

AETNA INC /PA/
Form 8-K
October 28, 2004

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

FORM 8-K

**CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): October 28, 2004

AETNA INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Pennsylvania

1-16095

23-2229683

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

151 Farmington Avenue
Hartford, Connecticut

06156

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

(860) 273-0123

(Registrant's telephone number,
including area code)

N/A

(Former name or former address,
if changed since last report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4 (c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Section 2 Financial Information

Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On October 28, 2004, Aetna Inc. issued a press release announcing results for the quarter ended September 30, 2004. A copy of that press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and hereby incorporated in this Item 2.02 by reference.

The information in this Form 8-K shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (as amended, the Exchange Act) or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing.

Section 9 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

99.1 Press release of Aetna Inc. dated October 28, 2004

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 hereunto duly authorized.

AETNA INC.

Date: October 28, 2004

By: */s/ Ronald M. Olejniczak*
Name: *Ronald M. Olejniczak*
Title: *Vice President and Controller*

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**Exhibit
Number**

Description

Exhibit 99.1 Press release of Aetna Inc. dated October 28, 2004