

McCarthy Margaret M
Form 4
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FORM 4

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

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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

(Last) (First) (Middle)

AETNA INC., 151 FARMINGTON
AVENUE

(Street)

HARTFORD, CT 06156

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
10/20/2010

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title below) ____ Other (specify below)

EVP, Operations & Technology

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	10/20/2010		S		200	D	\$ 31.02	0	D
Common Stock	02/14/2011		M		87,201	A	\$ 32.11	0	D
Common Stock	02/14/2011		F ⁽¹⁾		78,784	D	\$ 37.43	0	D
Common Stock	02/15/2011		M		6,204	D	\$ 33.375	0	D
Common Stock	02/15/2011		S		14,621	D	\$ 37.15 ⁽²⁾	9,665 ⁽³⁾	D

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Common Stock 1,012 ⁽⁴⁾ I By 401(k) Plan

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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 (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 32.11	02/14/2011		M	87,201	02/13/2010 02/13/2019	Common Stock 87,201
Employee Stock Option	\$ 33.375	02/15/2011		M	6,204	02/11/2006 02/11/2015	Common Stock 6,204

Reporting Owners

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

Signatures

Margaret M. McCarthy by Judith H. Jones, Attorney-in-fact 02/16/2011

__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 Appreciation Right is net settled; amount represents withholding of shares by the Company to pay exercise price and taxes.

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- (2) Average Sale Price. Range of sales was between \$37.03 and \$37.25.
- (3) Includes 12 shares acquired through dividend reinvestment.
- (4) Represents the pro rata portion of the stock portion of Aetna Common Stock Fund held by reporting person on January 31, 2011. The information is based on information provided by the Plan Trustee as of that date.

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