

AETNA INC /PA/  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
HANCOCK ELLEN M

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
P.O. BOX 169  
(Street)  
RIDGEFIELD, CT 06877  
(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
05/18/2012

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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)
Common Stock	05/18/2012		M	3,551 A	23,529	D	

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)**

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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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(1)</u>	05/18/2012		A	4,079	<u>(2)</u> <u>(2)</u>	Common Stock	4,079
Restricted Stock Units	<u>(1)</u>	05/21/2012		M	3,551	<u>(3)</u> <u>(3)</u>	Common Stock	3,551

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HANCOCK ELLEN M P.O. BOX 169 RIDGEFIELD, CT 06877		X		

## Signatures

ELLEN M. HANCOCK, by Melinda Westbrook, Attorney-in-Fact 05/22/2012

\*\*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) Units convert to Common Stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (2) Restricted Stock Units granted under the Aetna Inc. 2010 Non-Employee Director Compensation Plan (the "Plan"). Subject to terms of the Plan, units will vest in four installments on August 18, 2012 (1,019 units), November 18, 2012 (1,020 units), February 18, 2013 (1,020 units) and May 18, 2013 (1,020 units), with payment of the units deferred until May 18, 2013. Upon payment date, units will be issued in Common Stock.
- (3) Restricted Stock Units granted under the Plan. Subject to terms of the Plan, units vested in four installments on August 20, 2011 (887 units), November 20, 2011 (888 units), February 20, 2012 (888 units) and May 20, 2012 (888 units), with payment of the units deferred until May 21, 2012.

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