AETNA INC /PA/ Form 4 February 17, 2006

FORM 4

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * CALLEN CRAIG R		orting Person *	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol AETNA INC /PA/ [AET]	 Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) 		
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction	(Check an applicable)		
			(Month/Day/Year)	Director 10% Owner		
AETNA INC., 151 FARMINGTON AVENUE			02/16/2006	_X Officer (give title Other (specify below) SVP, Strat. Plan. & Bus. Dev.		
	(Street)		4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
			Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person		
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(City	(State)	(Zip) Tab	le I - Non-l	Derivative	Secur	ities Acqui	ired, Disposed of	or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)		3. Transactio Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) ctiomr Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (A) or			5. Amount of Securities Ownership Beneficially Form: Owned Direct (D) Following or Indirect Reported (I) Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) (Instr. 3 and 4)		7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Commo	on 02/16/2006		Code V M	Amount 10,000	(D)	Price \$ 41.375	0	D	
Commo Stock	on 02/16/2006		S(1)	1,000	D	\$ 100.46	0	D	
Commo Stock	on 02/16/2006		S <u>(1)</u>	100	D	\$ 100.63	0	D	
Commo Stock	on 02/16/2006		S <u>(1)</u>	900	D	\$ 100.64	0	D	
Commo	on 02/16/2006		S(1)	500	D	\$ 101.01	0	D	

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Common Stock	02/16/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	500	D	\$ 101.1	0	D
Common Stock	02/16/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	1,000	D	\$ 101.11	0	D
Common Stock	02/16/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	500	D	\$ 101.14	0	D
Common Stock	02/16/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	500	D	\$ 101.15	0	D
Common Stock	02/16/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	1,000	D	\$ 101.39	0	D
Common Stock	02/16/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	500	D	\$ 101.47	0	D
Common Stock	02/16/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	500	D	\$ 101.58	0	D
Common Stock	02/16/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	1,000	D	\$ 101.73	0	D
Common Stock	02/16/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	500	D	\$ 101.75	0	D
Common Stock	02/16/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	500	D	\$ 101.9	0	D
Common Stock	02/16/2006	S <u>(1)</u>	1,000	D	\$ 101.97	2,000 (2) (3)	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)

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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8)	orDerivative		6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock	\$ 41.375	02/16/2006		M		10,000	12/31/2004	04/30/2014	Common Stock	10,000

Option

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships							
• 9	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other				
CALLEN CRAIG R			SVP,					
AETNA INC.			Strat. Plan.					
151 FARMINGTON AVENUE			& Bus.					
HARTFORD, CT 06156			Dev.					

Signatures

Craig R. Callen by Paige L. Falasco, Attorney-in-Fact

02/17/2006

**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) The sale reported was effected pursuant to a 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on November 14, 2005.
- (2) On March 11, 2005, Aetna Inc.'s Common Stock was split 2-for-1, resulting in the reporting person's acquisition of additional options and shares of Common Stock.
- (3) Does not reflect a 2-for-1 stock split declared by Aetna Inc. on January 27, 2006 (record date February 07, 2006) effective February 17, 2006.

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