

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 \*  
NEWHOUSE JOSEPH P

(Last) (First) (Middle)

HARVARD UNIVERSITY, 180  
LONGWOOD AVE

(Street)

BOSTON, MA 02115

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
05/21/2010

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)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount (D) Price			
COMMON STOCK					2,000	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. Pr Deriv Secur (Instr. 3 and 4)
Restricted Stock Units	(1)	05/21/2010		A	5,568	(2) (2)	Common Stock	5,568

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
NEWHOUSE JOSEPH P HARVARD UNIVERSITY 180 LONGWOOD AVE BOSTON, MA 02115		X		

## Signatures

JOSEPH P. NEWHOUSE, by Melinda Westbrook, Attorney in Fact

05/25/2010

\_\_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) Units convert to Common Stock on a one-for-one basis.

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 equal installments (1,392 units) on August 21, 2010, November 21, 2010, February 21, 2011 and May 21, 2011 with payment of the units deferred until May 21, 2011. Upon payment date, units will be deferred to a stock unit account.

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