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AETNA INC /PA/ Form 8-K April 29, 2004

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):
April 29, 2004

AETNA INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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)

ITEM 12. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION.

On April 29, 2004, Aetna Inc. issued a press release announcing results for the quarter ended March 31, 2004. A copy of that press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and hereby incorporated in this Item 12 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 (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.

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.

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AETNA INC.

Date: April 29, 2004 BY: /s/ Ronald M. Olejniczak

Name: Ronald M. Olejniczak
Title: Vice President and

Controller

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. Description

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release of Aetna Inc. dated April 29, 2004