

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

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**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):  
July 29, 2004

**AETNA INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

<u>Pennsylvania</u>	<u>1-16095</u>	<u>23-2229683</u>
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
<u>151 Farmington Avenue Hartford, Connecticut</u>	<u>06156</u>	
(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)	
<u>(860) 273-0123</u>		
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)		
<u>N/A</u>		
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)		

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**ITEM 12. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION.**

On July 29, 2004, Aetna Inc. issued a press release announcing results for the quarter ended June 30, 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.

**AETNA INC.**

Date: *July 29, 2004*

By: */s/ Ronald M. Olejniczak*  
Name: *Ronald M. Olejniczak*  
Title: *Vice President and Controller*

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
Exhibit 99.1	Press Release of Aetna Inc. dated July 29, 2004