

AETNA INC /PA/
Form 8-K
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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): **January 27, 2005**

Aetna Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Pennsylvania
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

1-16095
(Commission
File Number)

23-2229683
(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

151 Farmington Avenue, Hartford, CT
(Address of principal executive offices)

06156
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(860) 273-0123**

Former name or former address, if changed since last report: **Not applicable**

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This Form 8-K is to describe ordinary course executive officer compensation actions taken by the Committee on Compensation and Organization of the Board of Directors of Aetna Inc, (the Committee).

At its meetings on January 27 and 28, 2005, the Committee took the following actions with respect to the compensation of the Company's named executive officers (as defined in Regulation S-K item 402(a)(3)):

Executive Officer	2005 Salary	2004 Bonus	2005 Option Grant ⁽²⁾	2005-2006
				Long-term Performance Units ⁽³⁾
John W. Rowe, M.D. Chairman and Chief Executive Officer	\$ 1,100,000 ⁽¹⁾	\$ 2,500,000	\$ 9,800,000	42,000
Ronald A. Williams President	1,000,000 ⁽¹⁾	2,000,000	8,000,000	34,000
Alan M. Bennett Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	550,000	550,000	2,000,000	8,600
Craig R. Callen Senior Vice President, Strategic Planning and Business Development	590,000	620,000	2,100,000	9,000
Timothy A. Holt Senior Vice President, Chief Investment Officer and Chief Enterprise Risk Officer	450,000	520,000	1,750,000	7,450

(1) No salary increase for 2005.

(2) Reflects theoretical grant date value. Option grant will be effective two (2) business days after the release of the Company's results for the fourth quarter and full-year ended December 31, 2004. The options will vest in three-equal installments: June 30, 2005, February 11, 2007 and February 11, 2008. The strike price and the number of options will be determined using the closing stock price on the effective date of the grant and a stock option valuation factor of 32.2% (i.e., the number of options granted equals the dollar value of the theoretical grant date value divided by a factor determined by multiplying the closing stock price on the effective date of the grant by 32.2%).

(3) Each unit represents the right to receive \$100 in stock or cash and will vest if specified performance targets are met. The performance targets will be determined at the Committee's February 2005 meeting and will be based on the Company's growth in earnings per share, return on capital and total shareholder return relative to competitors.

SIGNATURES

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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: February 2, 2005

By: */s/ Ronald M. Olejniczak*

Name: Ronald M. Olejniczak

Title: Vice President and Controller