AETNA INC /PA/ Form 8-K December 22, 2016

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): December 22, 2016 (December 21, 2016)

Aetna Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Pennsylvania 1-16095 23-2229683 (State or other jurisdiction of (Commission (IRS Employer incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

151 Farmington Avenue, Hartford, CT 06156 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

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

Former name or former address, if changed since last report: N/A

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Section 1 - Registrant's Business and Operations

Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

As previously disclosed, on July 2, 2015, Aetna Inc. ("Aetna"), Humana Inc. ("Humana"), Echo Merger Sub, Inc., a wholly-owned subsidiary of Aetna ("Merger Sub 1"), and Echo Merger Sub, LLC, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Aetna ("Merger Sub 2"), entered into an Agreement and Plan of Merger (the "Merger Agreement"), pursuant to which, subject to the satisfaction or waiver of certain conditions, Merger Sub 1 will be merged with and into Humana, with Humana surviving the merger as a wholly-owned subsidiary of Aetna (the "First Merger"), and immediately following the First Merger, Humana will be merged with and into Merger Sub 2, with Merger Sub 2 surviving the merger as a wholly-owned subsidiary of Aetna.

On December 21, 2016, pursuant to Section 11.03 of the Merger Agreement, Aetna, Merger Sub 1, Merger Sub 2 and Humana entered into a letter agreement (the "Letter Agreement") pursuant to which Aetna and Humana each agreed, in order to extend the "End Date" (as defined in the Merger Agreement), to waive until 11:59 p.m. (Eastern time) on February 15, 2017 its right to terminate the Merger Agreement due to a failure of the Mergers to have been completed on or before December 31, 2016.

The foregoing description of the Letter Agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Letter Agreement, a copy of which is filed as Exhibit 10.1 hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 9 - Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

10.1 Letter Agreement, dated as of December 21, 2016, among Aetna Inc., Echo Merger Sub, Inc., Echo Merger Sub, LLC and Humana Inc.

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: December 22, 2016 By: /s/ Sharon A. Virag

Name: Sharon A. Virag

Title: Vice President, Controller and Chief Accounting Officer

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