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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)

Pennsylvania1-1609523-2229683(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)(Commission (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

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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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)):

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

⁽¹⁾ No salary increase for 2005.

- 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%).
- 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