

Coye Molly Joel
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
 Coye Molly Joel

(Last) (First) (Middle)

HEALTH TECHNOLOGY
 CENTER, 524 SECOND STREET

(Street)

SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94107

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 AETNA INC /PA/ [AET]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 12/02/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) Other (specify below)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Amount		
				Code	V		
					Amount		
					(D)		
					Price		

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)

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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
PHANTOM STOCK UNITS ⁽¹⁾	⁽²⁾	12/02/2005	A	10.471					⁽¹⁾	⁽¹⁾	COMMON SHARES	10.471

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Coye Molly Joel HEALTH TECHNOLOGY CENTER 524 SECOND STREET SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94107	X			

Signatures

MOLLY J. COYE, M.D. by Paige L. Falasco, Attorney in Fact
 12/05/2005
**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

UNITS GRANTED UNDER THE AETNA INC. NON-EMPLOYEE DIRECTOR COMPENSATION PLAN (THE "PLAN"). SUBJECT
 (1) TO TERMS OF PLAN, UNITS MAY BE SETTLED IN AETNA COMMON STOCK, IN CASH OR A COMBINATION OF BOTH UPON REPORTING PERSON'S RETIREMENT.

(2) UNITS CONVERT TO COMMON STOCK ON A ONE FOR ONE BASIS.

(3) INCLUDES 1.3 UNITS ACCRUED UNDER THE PLAN PURSUANT TO REINVESTMENT OF DIVIDEND EQUIVALENTS.

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