

AETNA INC /PA/
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FORM 4

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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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 *
POPIK WILLAIM C MD

(Last) (First) (Middle)
151 FARMINGTON AVENUE

(Street)

HARTFORD, CT 06156

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
03/18/2005

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)
Sr. VP & Chief Medical Officer

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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| | | | Code | V | Amount | (A) or (D) | Price |
| Common Stock | 03/18/2005 | | M | | 60,000 | A | \$ 17.89 |
| Common Stock | 03/18/2005 | | S(1)(2) | | 100 | D | \$ 75.37 |
| Common Stock | 03/18/2005 | | S(1)(2) | | 700 | D | \$ 75 |
| Common Stock | 03/18/2005 | | S(1)(2) | | 800 | D | \$ 74.98 |
| Common Stock | 03/18/2005 | | S(1)(2) | | 800 | D | \$ 74.9 |

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|--------------|------------|----------------|-------|---|----------|---|---|
| Common Stock | 03/18/2005 | <u>S(1)(2)</u> | 900 | D | \$ 74.85 | 0 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/18/2005 | <u>S(1)(2)</u> | 1,100 | D | \$ 74.84 | 0 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/18/2005 | <u>S(1)(2)</u> | 1,400 | D | \$ 74.8 | 0 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/18/2005 | <u>S(1)(2)</u> | 2,000 | D | \$ 74.76 | 0 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/18/2005 | <u>S(1)(2)</u> | 300 | D | \$ 74.68 | 0 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/18/2005 | <u>S(1)(2)</u> | 400 | D | \$ 74.67 | 0 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/18/2005 | <u>S(1)(2)</u> | 400 | D | \$ 74.61 | 0 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/18/2005 | <u>S(1)(2)</u> | 600 | D | \$ 74.59 | 0 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/18/2005 | <u>S(1)(2)</u> | 1,300 | D | \$ 74.55 | 0 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/18/2005 | <u>S(1)(2)</u> | 200 | D | \$ 74.51 | 0 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/18/2005 | <u>S(1)(2)</u> | 600 | D | \$ 74.5 | 0 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/18/2005 | <u>S(1)(2)</u> | 3,100 | D | \$ 74.49 | 0 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/18/2005 | <u>S(1)(2)</u> | 1,900 | D | \$ 74.44 | 0 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/18/2005 | <u>S(1)(2)</u> | 400 | D | \$ 74.42 | 0 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/18/2005 | <u>S(1)(2)</u> | 2,400 | D | \$ 74.41 | 0 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/18/2005 | <u>S(1)(2)</u> | 1,400 | D | \$ 74.4 | 0 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/18/2005 | <u>S(1)(2)</u> | 200 | D | \$ 74.39 | 0 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/18/2005 | <u>S(1)(2)</u> | 400 | D | \$ 74.38 | 0 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/18/2005 | <u>S(1)(2)</u> | 2,600 | D | \$ 74.36 | 0 | D |
| Common Stock | 03/18/2005 | <u>S(1)(2)</u> | 600 | D | \$ 74.33 | 0 | D |
| | 03/18/2005 | <u>S(1)(2)</u> | 400 | D | | 0 | D |

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| Common Stock | | | | | \$ | | | |
| | | | | | 74.31 | | | |
| Common Stock | 03/18/2005 | | <u>S(1)(2)</u> | 600 | D | \$ | 0 | D |
| | | | | | | 74.29 | | |
| Common Stock | 03/18/2005 | | <u>S(1)(2)</u> | 100 | D | \$ | 0 | D |
| | | | | | | 74.27 | | |
| Common Stock | 03/18/2005 | | <u>S(1)(2)</u> | 1,000 | D | \$ | 0 | D |
| | | | | | | 74.24 | | |
| Common Stock | 03/18/2005 | | <u>S(1)(2)</u> | 700 | D | \$ | 0 | D |
| | | | | | | 74.23 | | |

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 (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--------------|----------------------------|
| | | | | Code | V (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares |
| Employee Stock Option ⁽³⁾ | \$ 17.89 | 03/18/2005 | | M | | 07/25/2002 | 01/25/2007 | Common Stock | 18,830 |
| Employee Stock Option ⁽³⁾ | \$ 17.89 | 03/18/2005 | | M | | 01/25/2003 | 01/25/2012 | Common Stock | 41,170 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| POPIK WILLAIM C MD 151 FARMINGTON AVENUE HARTFORD, CT 06156 | | | Sr. VP & Chief Medical Officer | |

Signatures

William C. Popik by Judith H. Jones,
Attorney-in-Fact

03/22/2005

__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).
- (1) The sale reported was effected pursuant to a 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on February 18, 2005.
- (2) THIS IS FORM 1 OF 4. The number of individual Table I line entries making up the sale reported exceeds the EDGAR system's limitations and, therefore, this filing is being made in four parts.
- (3) This option has been adjusted to reflect the Company's 2-for-1 stock split on March 11, 2005.
- (4) Total holdings reported on Form four of four.

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