

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): **March 11, 2005**

Aetna Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Pennsylvania (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	1-16095 (Commission File Number)	23-2229683 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
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151 Farmington Avenue, Hartford, CT (Address of principal executive offices)	06156 (Zip Code)
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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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Section 5 Corporate Governance and Management

Item 5.03 Amendments to Articles of Incorporation or Bylaws; Change in Fiscal Year.

In connection with the two-for-one stock split of Aetna Inc.'s common shares, effected in the form of a 100% stock dividend paid on March 11, 2005, the Board of Directors of Aetna Inc. (the Company) approved an Amendment to the Company's Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation (the Articles of Incorporation). As authorized by Pennsylvania law, the Amendment to the Articles of Incorporation increased the number of authorized common shares of the Company in the same proportion that the shares distributed in the stock dividend increased the number of issued common shares (which doubled the number of authorized common shares). The Amendment increased the number of common shares authorized under the Articles of Incorporation to 1,459,384,998 shares, and increased the total number of shares authorized in the Articles of Incorporation to 1,554,817,499 shares (which includes, in the aggregate, the authorized common shares, 7,625,000 authorized preferred shares and 87,807,501 authorized but undesignated shares). The number of authorized preferred and undesignated shares did not change as a result of the Amendment.

The Amendment, which was effective on March 11, 2005, is filed as exhibit 99.1 hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

A Restatement of the Articles of Incorporation, which includes the Amendment referred to above, but no other changes to the Articles of Incorporation, was effected on March 14, 2005 and is filed as exhibit 99.2 hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

Section 8 Other Events

Item 8.01 Other Events.

Aetna Inc. completed a two-for-one stock split of its common shares, effected in the form of a 100% stock dividend paid on March 11, 2005.

The shares of common stock, \$.01 par value per share are registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Exchange Act) and listed on the New York Stock Exchange. The 8.5% Senior Notes, due 2041, issued by Aetna Inc. in 2001 are also registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act and listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

Section 9 Financial Statements and Exhibits

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

99.1 Articles of Amendment to the Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of Aetna Inc. effective March 11, 2005.

99.2 Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of Aetna Inc. effective March 14, 2005.

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: March 16, 2005

By: /s/ Ronald M. Olejniczak
Name: *Ronald M. Olejniczak*
Title: *Vice President and Controller*

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