

NEWHOUSE JOSEPH P  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*<br><b>NEWHOUSE, JOSEPH P.</b><br><br>(Last) (First) (Middle)<br><b>HARVARD UNIVERSITY</b><br><b>180 LONGWOOD AVE</b><br><br>(Street)<br><b>BOSTON, MA 02115</b><br><br>(City) (State) (Zip) |                                      |  | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol<br><b>AETNA INC. (AET) (PA - Formerly Aetna U. S. Healthcare Inc.)</b> |   |   | 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Director —<br>10% Owner —<br><input type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) —<br>Other (specify below) — |                                   |  |
|--|--------------------------------------|--|--|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|--|
| 3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary)  |                                      |  | 4. Statement for Month/Day/Year<br><b>12/27/02</b>   |   |   | 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)<br><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person<br><input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person               |                                   |  |
| <b>Table I Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned</b>  |                                      |  |  |   |   |  |                                   |  |
| 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 & 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 & 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)   | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |  |
| <b>COMMON SHARES</b>   |                                      |  |  |   | <b>500.5369<sup>(1)</sup></b>   | <b>D</b>   |                                   |  |

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

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

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**FORM 4 (continued) 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) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 & 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) | 10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security (Direct |
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|   |         |          |  | (Instr. 3, 4 & 5) |         | Date Exer-cisable | Expira-tion Date | Title         | Amount or Number of Shares | (Instr. 4) | (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) |
|---|---------|----------|--|-------------------|---------|-------------------|------------------|---------------|----------------------------|------------|--------------------------------|
|   |         |          |  | Code              | V       |                   |                  |               |                            |            |                                |
| PHANTOM STOCK UNITS <sup>(2)</sup>                  | 1 FOR 1 |          |  |                   |         | [2]               | [2]              | COMMON SHARES | 1,850                      | 1,850      | D                              |
| DIRECTOR STOCK OPTION (RIGHT TO BUY) <sup>(3)</sup> | \$35.78 |          |  |                   |         | (3)               | 1/25/12          | COMMON SHARES | 5,500                      | 5,500      | D                              |
| PHANTOM STOCK UNITS <sup>(4)</sup>                  | 1 FOR 1 | 12/27/02 |  | A                 | 169.372 | (4)               | (4)              | COMMON SHARES | 169.372                    | 1,216.388  | D                              |

Explanation of Responses:

(1) INCLUDES .5369 SHARES ACQUIRED BY REPORTING PERSON ON NOVEMBER 29, 2002 PURSUANT TO DIVIDEND REINVESTMENT PROGRAM.

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

(3) PREVIOUSLY REPORTED. OPTION GRANTED UNDER THE PLAN, EXERCISEABLE ON JANUARY 25, 2003 (1,834 SHARES), JANUARY 25, 2004 (1,833 SHARES) AND JANUARY 25, 2005 (1,833 SHARES).

(4) UNITS ACCRUED UNDER THE PLAN PURSUANT TO DEFERRAL OF DIRECTOR'S FEES. SUBJECT TO TERMS OF PLAN, UNITS MAY BE SETTLED IN AETNA COMMON STOCK, IN CASH OR A COMBINATION OF BOTH UPON REPORTING PERSON'S RETIREMENT.

By: /s/ **JOSEPH P. NEWHOUSE, BY PAIGE L. FALASCO,**  
**ATTORNEY IN FACT**

**DECEMBER 30,**  
**2002**  
Date

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person

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

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