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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549
FORM 10-Q**

(Mark One)

**QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the quarterly period ended September 30, 2006

or

**TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES
EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

For the transition period from _____ to _____

Commission file number: 1-16095

Aetna Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Pennsylvania

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

23-2229683

(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, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report: **N/A**

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days.

Yes **No**

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of "accelerated filer and large accelerated filer" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes **No**

There were 522.0 million shares of voting common stock with a par value of \$.01 outstanding at September 30, 2006.

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Table of Contents**Part I Financial Information****Item 1. Financial Statements****Consolidated Statements of Income****(Unaudited)**

(Millions, except per common share data)	For the Three Months Ended September 30,		For the Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
Revenue:				
Health care premiums	\$ 4,820.3	\$ 4,291.3	\$ 14,308.3	\$ 12,490.5
Other premiums	472.5	494.2	1,482.5	1,494.4
Fees and other revenue *	712.9	626.8	2,121.4	1,793.3
Net investment income	278.3	279.9	852.1	827.7
Net realized capital gains	15.5	8.5	21.9	18.6
Total revenue	6,299.5	5,700.7	18,786.2	16,624.5
Benefits and expenses:				
Health care costs **	3,797.4	3,390.4	11,481.9	9,683.6
Current and future benefits	554.1	581.8	1,733.6	1,778.4
Operating expenses:				
Selling expense	231.7	214.1	715.3	623.0
General and administrative expenses	925.6	885.1	2,876.3	2,673.5
Total operating expenses	1,157.3	1,099.2	3,591.6	3,296.5
Interest expense	39.9	32.5	107.2	90.2
Amortization of other acquired intangible assets	22.0	15.9	63.7	38.1
Reduction of reserve for anticipated future losses on discontinued products			(115.4)	(66.7)
Total benefits and expenses	5,570.7	5,119.8	16,862.6	14,820.1
Income from continuing operations before income taxes	728.8	580.9	1,923.6	1,804.4
Income taxes:				
Current	213.0	183.1	611.3	515.2
Deferred	39.4	25.0	60.8	132.2
Total income taxes	252.4	208.1	672.1	647.4
Income from continuing operations	476.4	372.8	1,251.5	1,157.0
Discontinued operations, net of tax (Note 16)			16.1	
Net income	\$ 476.4	\$ 372.8	\$ 1,267.6	\$ 1,157.0

Earnings per common share:

Basic:

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Income from continuing operations	\$.89	\$.65	\$ 2.26	\$ 1.99
Discontinued operations, net of tax			.02	
Net income	\$.89	\$.65	\$ 2.28	\$ 1.99
Diluted:				
Income from continuing operations	\$.85	\$.62	\$ 2.16	\$ 1.91
Discontinued operations, net of tax			.03	
Net income	\$.85	\$.62	\$ 2.19	\$ 1.91

* Fees and other revenue include administrative services contract member co-payment revenue and plan sponsor reimbursements related to our mail order and specialty pharmacy operations of \$10.3 million and \$26.4 million (net of pharmaceutical and processing costs of \$342.2 million and \$1.0 billion) for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, respectively, and \$7.4 million and \$15.5 million (net of pharmaceutical and processing costs of \$226.2 million and \$644.9 million)

for the three and
nine months
ended
September 30,
2005,
respectively.

** Health care
costs have been
reduced by fully
insured member
co-payment
revenue related
to our mail
order and
specialty
pharmacy
operations of
\$24.4 million
and
\$70.2 million
for the three and
nine months
ended
September 30,
2006,
respectively,
and
\$20.5 million
and
\$57.3 million
for the three and
nine months
ended
September 30,
2005,
respectively.

Refer to accompanying Condensed Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited).

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(Millions)	(Unaudited) At September 30, 2006	At December 31, 2005
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 1,214.3	\$ 1,192.6
Investment securities	13,263.3	13,366.2
Other investments	234.1	96.8
Premiums receivable, net	429.0	349.2
Other receivables, net	533.3	366.7
Accrued investment income	186.2	184.9
Collateral received under securities loan agreements	924.4	1,138.8
Loaned securities	895.8	1,115.7
Deferred income taxes	35.8	
Other current assets	492.2	423.8
Total current assets	18,208.4	18,234.7
Long-term investments	1,681.6	1,662.1
Mortgage loans	1,381.2	1,460.8
Investment real estate	188.1	207.2
Reinsurance recoverables	1,115.7	1,143.7
Goodwill	4,622.7	4,523.2
Other acquired intangible assets, net	713.5	724.9
Property and equipment, net	276.3	272.8
Deferred income taxes	40.1	68.7
Other long-term assets	1,800.1	1,602.8
Separate Accounts assets	16,914.6	14,532.4
Total assets	\$ 46,942.3	\$ 44,433.3
Liabilities and shareholders' equity		
Current liabilities:		
Health care costs payable	\$ 1,954.5	\$ 1,817.0
Future policy benefits	793.2	806.1
Unpaid claims	778.7	752.1
Unearned premiums	187.7	156.9
Policyholders' funds	595.7	757.7
Collateral payable under securities loan agreements	924.4	1,138.8
Short-term debt	1.5	
Current portion of long-term debt		450.0
Income taxes payable	72.5	36.7
Deferred income taxes		10.4
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	1,891.0	1,691.1

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Total current liabilities	7,199.2	7,616.8
Future policy benefits	7,469.2	7,642.1
Unpaid claims	1,165.5	1,144.9
Policyholders funds	1,291.0	1,304.2
Long-term debt, less current portion	2,442.0	1,155.7
Other long-term liabilities	810.7	848.5
Separate Accounts liabilities	16,914.6	14,532.4
Total liabilities	37,292.2	34,244.6
Commitments and contingencies (Note 13)		
Shareholders equity:		
Common stock and additional paid-in capital (\$.01 par value, 2.8 billion shares authorized, 522.0 million shares issued and outstanding in 2006 and 1.4 billion shares authorized, 566.5 million shares issued and outstanding in 2005)	660.4	2,414.7
Retained earnings	8,970.4	7,723.7
Accumulated other comprehensive income	19.3	50.3
Total shareholders equity	9,650.1	10,188.7
Total liabilities and shareholders equity	\$ 46,942.3	\$ 44,433.3

Refer to accompanying Condensed Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited).

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Table of Contents**Consolidated Statements of Shareholders' Equity
(Unaudited)**

(Millions)	Number of Common Shares Outstanding	Common Stock and Additional Paid-in Capital	Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Total Shareholders' Equity	Total Comprehensive Income
Nine Months Ended September 30, 2006						
Balance at December 31, 2005	566.5	\$ 2,414.7	\$ 7,723.7	\$ 50.3	\$ 10,188.7	
Comprehensive income:						
Net income			1,267.6		1,267.6	\$ 1,267.6
Other comprehensive income:						
Net unrealized losses on securities ⁽¹⁾				(41.0)	(41.0)	
Net foreign currency gains				.9	.9	
Net derivative gains ⁽¹⁾				9.1	9.1	
Other comprehensive income				(31.0)	(31.0)	(31.0)
Total comprehensive income						\$ 1,236.6
Common shares issued for benefit plans, including tax benefit						
Repurchases of common shares	7.1	209.4			209.4	
Dividends declared	(51.6)	(1,963.7)	(20.9)		(1,963.7)	(20.9)
Balance at September 30, 2006	522.0	\$ 660.4	\$ 8,970.4	\$ 19.3	\$ 9,650.1	
Nine Months Ended September 30, 2005						
Balance at December 31, 2004	586.0	\$ 3,541.5	\$ 6,161.8	\$ (541.5)	\$ 9,161.8	
Comprehensive income:						
Net income			1,157.0		1,157.0	\$ 1,157.0
Other comprehensive loss:						
Net unrealized losses on securities ⁽¹⁾				(104.8)	(104.8)	
Net foreign currency gains				.8	.8	
Net derivative losses ⁽¹⁾				(3.0)	(3.0)	
Other comprehensive loss				(107.0)	(107.0)	(107.0)
Total comprehensive income						\$ 1,050.0
Common shares issued for benefit plans, including tax benefits						
Repurchases of common shares	18.6	442.9			442.9	
	(32.6)	(1,238.4)			(1,238.4)	

Dividends declared				(11.4)		(11.4)
Balance at September 30, 2005	572.0	\$	2,746.0	\$	7,307.4	\$ (648.5) \$ 9,404.9

(1) Net of reclassification adjustments (refer to Note 8).

Refer to accompanying Condensed Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited).

Table of Contents**Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows
(Unaudited)**

(Millions)	Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2006	2005
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 1,267.6	\$ 1,157.0
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:		
Discontinued operations	(16.1)	
Physicians class action settlement insurance-related charge	72.4	
Depreciation and amortization	197.9	147.5
Amortization of net investment premium	13.3	19.5
Stock-based compensation expense	61.9	83.8
Net realized capital gains	(21.9)	(18.6)
Changes in assets and liabilities:		
(Increase) decrease in accrued investment income	(1.3)	12.0
Increase in premiums due and other receivables	(122.6)	(106.7)
Net change in income taxes	68.5	290.6
Net change in other assets and other liabilities	(270.7)	(383.1)
Net decrease in health care and insurance liabilities	(36.4)	(60.4)
Other, net	(69.3)	(32.4)
Net cash provided by operating activities of continuing operations	1,143.3	1,109.2
Discontinued operations, net (Note 16)	49.7	
Net cash provided by operating activities	1,193.0	1,109.2
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Proceeds from sales and investment maturities of:		
Debt securities available for sale	7,900.9	8,002.9
Other investments	1,160.1	874.1
Cost of investments in:		
Debt securities available for sale	(7,693.6)	(7,497.2)
Other investments	(1,057.3)	(798.4)
Increase in property, equipment and software	(203.8)	(183.1)
Cash used for acquisitions, net of cash acquired	(159.9)	(1,021.5)
Net cash used for investing activities	(53.6)	(623.2)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Deposits and interest credited for investment contracts	23.4	30.6
Withdrawals of investment contracts	(195.0)	(30.2)
Net issuance of short-term debt	1.5	
Proceeds from issuance of long-term debt, net of issuance costs	1,978.9	
Repayment of long-term debt	(1,150.0)	

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Common shares issued under benefit plans	81.3	223.5
Stock-based compensation tax benefits	66.5	137.5
Common shares repurchased	(1,924.3)	(1,210.7)
Net cash used for financing activities	(1,117.7)	(849.3)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	21.7	(363.3)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	1,192.6	1,396.0
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 1,214.3	\$ 1,032.7
Supplemental cash flow information:		
Interest paid	\$ 93.9	\$ 105.5
Income taxes paid	487.4	218.5

Refer to accompanying Condensed Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Unaudited).

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Table of Contents**Condensed Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements
(Unaudited)**

Unless the context otherwise requires, references to the terms we, our or us used throughout these Notes refer to Aetna Inc. (a Pennsylvania corporation) (Aetna) and its subsidiaries (collectively, the Company).

1. Organization

Our operations include three business segments:

Health Care consists of medical, pharmacy benefits management and dental and vision plans offered on both a Risk basis (where we assume all or a majority of the risk for medical and dental care costs) and an employer-funded basis (where the plan sponsor under an administrative services contract (ASC) assumes all or a majority of this risk). Medical plans include point-of-service (POS), health maintenance organization (HMO), preferred provider organization (PPO) and indemnity benefit products. Medical plans also include health savings accounts (HSAs) and Aetna HealthFund consumer-directed plans that combine traditional POS or PPO and/or dental coverage, subject to a deductible, with an accumulating benefit account (which may be funded by the plan sponsor or member in the case of HSAs). We also offer specialty products, such as medical management and data analytics services, behavioral health plans and stop loss insurance, as well as products that provide access to our provider network in select markets.

Group Insurance includes primarily group life insurance products offered on a Risk basis, including basic term group life insurance, group universal life, supplemental or voluntary programs and accidental death and dismemberment coverage. Group Insurance also includes group disability products offered on both a Risk and an ASC basis which consist primarily of short-term and long-term disability insurance (and products which combine both), as well as long-term care products, which provide benefits offered to cover the cost of care in private home settings, adult day care, assisted living or nursing facilities, primarily on a Risk basis. Additionally, as a result of the Broadspire Disability acquisition on March 31, 2006 (refer to Note 3), Group Insurance includes absence management services, including short-term and long-term disability administration and leave management, to employers. In the fourth quarter of 2006, we decided to exit the long-term care insurance market and no longer solicit or accept new long-term care customers. Over the next two to three years, we will work with our customers on an orderly transition of this business to other carriers. This decision will not have a material impact on our financial condition or results of operations.

Large Case Pensions manages a variety of retirement products (including pension and annuity products) primarily for tax qualified pension plans. These products provide a variety of funding and benefit payment distribution options and other services. The Large Case Pensions segment includes certain discontinued products (refer to Note 15 for additional information).

On January 27, 2006, our Board of Directors (the Board) declared a two-for-one stock split of our common shares (common stock) which was effected in the form of a 100% common stock dividend. All shareholders of record at the close of business on February 7, 2006 received one additional share of common stock for each share held on that date distributed in the form of a stock dividend on February 17, 2006. All share and per share amounts in the accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements and related notes have been adjusted to reflect the stock split for all periods presented.

These interim statements necessarily rely heavily on estimates, including assumptions as to annualized tax rates. In the opinion of management, all adjustments necessary for a fair statement of results for the interim periods have been made. All such adjustments are of a normal, recurring nature. The accompanying unaudited consolidated financial statements and related notes should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and related notes presented in Aetna s 2005 Annual Report on Form 10-K (the 2005 Annual Report). Certain financial information that is normally included in annual financial statements prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP), but that is not required for interim reporting purposes, has been condensed or omitted.

Table of Contents**2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies****Principles of Consolidation**

These unaudited consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with GAAP and include the accounts of Aetna and the subsidiaries that we control. All significant intercompany balances have been eliminated in consolidation.

New Accounting Standard

Effective January 1, 2006, we adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (FAS) No. 123 Revised, *Share-Based Payment* (FAS 123R), which is a revision of FAS 123, *Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation*. FAS 123R also supercedes Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25, *Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees* (APB 25) and amends FAS 95, *Statement of Cash Flows*.

Prior to the adoption of FAS 123R, we applied the provisions of FAS 123 to our stock-based compensation arrangements. FAS 123 permitted us to account for our stock-based compensation using the intrinsic value method prescribed by APB 25, accompanied by pro forma disclosures of net income and earnings per share as if we had applied the fair value method to such compensation.

FAS 123R requires companies to expense the fair value of all stock-based compensation awards (including stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock units and other stock-based awards) issued to employees and non-employees, eliminating the alternative of measuring such awards using the intrinsic value method. FAS 123R requires the fair value to be calculated using a quoted market price or a valuation model (such as the modified Black-Scholes or binomial-lattice models) if a quoted market price is not available. Consistent with our historical practice of measuring the fair value of stock-based compensation for our pro forma disclosures, we utilize a modified Black-Scholes model to determine the fair value of our stock-based compensation awards. Stock-based compensation expense is measured at the grant date, based on the fair value of the award and is recognized as expense over the requisite service period, which primarily is the vesting period, except for retirement eligible individuals for whom a majority of the expense is recognized in the year of grant.

The amendment to FAS 95 requires the benefits of tax deductions in excess of recognized compensation cost to be reported as financing cash inflows rather than as a reduction in income taxes paid, which is included within operating cash flows.

We utilized the modified-retrospective approach of adopting FAS 123R. Under this approach, beginning January 1, 2006, all prior period financial information was adjusted to reflect our stock-based compensation activity since 1995. The modified-retrospective application of FAS 123R resulted in a reduction in net income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2005 of \$5 million (\$8 million pretax) and \$55 million (\$84 million pretax), respectively. Basic and diluted net income per common share were each reduced by \$.01 per share for the three months ended September 30, 2005 and \$.09 per share for the nine months ended September 30, 2005. Additionally, \$138 million of cash inflows related to tax deductions in excess of recognized compensation costs have been reclassified from operating cash flows to financing cash flows for the nine months ended September 30, 2005. Prior period shareholders' equity and deferred taxes have been increased to reflect the results of the modified-retrospective application of FAS 123R. The following table details the impact of FAS 123R on our Consolidated Balance Sheet as of December 31, 2005:

(Millions)	Retrospectively Applied	Previously Reported
Net deferred income tax asset (liability)	\$ 58.3	\$ (25.5)
Common stock and additional paid-in capital	2,414.7	1,885.1
Retained earnings	7,723.7	8,169.5

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Additionally, the balances in shareholders' equity at December 31, 2004 in our Consolidated Statements of Shareholders' Equity reflect the following changes:

(Millions)	Retrospectively Applied	Previously Reported
Common stock and additional paid-in capital	\$ 3,541.5	\$ 3,076.5
Retained earnings	6,161.8	6,546.4

Refer to Note 9 for additional information on our stock-based compensation plans.

Future Application of Accounting Standards*Pensions & Other Postretirement Benefits*

FAS 158, *Employers' Accounting for Defined Benefit Pension and Other Postretirement Plans*, was issued in September 2006. FAS 158 will require us to recognize the overfunded or underfunded status of our defined benefit pension and other postretirement plans as an asset or a liability, respectively, on the balance sheet and recognize changes in that net funded status in the year in which changes occur through other comprehensive income (a component of our shareholders' equity). FAS 158 will also require that we measure the plan assets and benefit obligations of these plans as of December 31 of each year (currently, we measure the status of these plans on September 30).

In accordance with FAS 158, we will initially recognize the overfunded and underfunded status of our defined benefit pension and other postretirement plans, as applicable, on our consolidated balance sheet and incorporate the required disclosures as of December 31, 2006. Upon adoption of FAS 158 as of December 31, 2006, we will recognize the net underfunded status of our defined benefit pension and other postretirement plans, which will result in an estimated \$660 million charge to other comprehensive income. The requirement to measure plan assets and benefit obligations as of December 31 is effective December 31, 2008. We do not expect the adoption of FAS 158 to have a material impact on our results of operations.

Certain Financial Instruments

In February 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued FAS 155, *Accounting for Certain Hybrid Financial Instruments*, which clarifies when certain financial instruments and features of financial instruments must be treated as derivatives and reported on the balance sheet at fair value with changes in fair value reported in net income. We will implement FAS 155 beginning with financial instruments acquired on or after January 1, 2007, which is the effective date of FAS 155. We do not expect the adoption of FAS 155 to have a material impact on our financial position at our date of adoption. However, FAS 155 may affect future income recognition for certain financial instruments that contain certain embedded derivatives as any changes in their fair values will be recognized in net income each period.

Uncertain Tax Positions

In June 2006, the FASB issued Interpretation No. 48, *Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes, an Interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109* (FIN 48). FIN 48 clarifies the accounting for uncertainty in income taxes by defining criteria that a tax position on an individual matter must meet before that position is recognized in the financial statements. Additionally, FIN 48 provides guidance on measurement, derecognition, classification, interest and penalties, interim period accounting, disclosures and transition. We will adopt FIN 48 beginning January 1, 2007, which is the effective date of FIN 48. We are currently analyzing the impact of adopting FIN 48.

Fair Value Measurements

In September 2006, the FASB issued FAS 157 *Fair Value Measurements*. FAS 157 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value and expands disclosures about fair value measurements. FAS 157 does not require new fair value measurements. We will adopt FAS 157 beginning January 1, 2008. We do not expect the adoption of FAS 157 to have a material impact on our financial position or results of operations.

Table of Contents**Use of Estimates***Accounting for the Medicare Part D Prescription Drug Program (PDP)*

On December 8, 2003, the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003 (the Act) was signed into law. The Act expanded Medicare, primarily by adding a voluntary prescription drug benefit for Medicare eligible individuals beginning in 2006. We were selected by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) to be a national provider of PDP in all 50 states to both individuals and employer groups beginning in 2006. Under these annual contracts, CMS pays us a portion of the premium, a portion of, or a capitated fee for, catastrophic drug costs and a portion of the health care costs for low-income Medicare beneficiaries and provides a risk sharing arrangement to limit our exposure to unexpected expenses.

Premiums received from, or on behalf of, members or CMS and capitated fees are recognized as premium revenue ratably over the contract period. Costs for covered prescription drugs are expensed as incurred. Low-income costs (deductible, coinsurance, etc.) and the catastrophic drug costs paid in advance by CMS will be recorded as a liability and will offset health care costs when incurred. For individual PDP coverage, the risk sharing arrangement provides a risk corridor whereby the target amount (what we received in premiums from members and CMS based on our annual bid amount less administrative expenses) is compared to our actual drug costs incurred during the contract year. Based on the risk corridor provision and PDP activity to date, an estimated risk sharing receivable or payable is recorded on a quarterly basis as an adjustment to premium revenue. A reconciliation of the final risk sharing, low-income subsidy and catastrophic amounts is performed at the end of the contract year.

3. Acquisition

On March 31, 2006, we acquired the disability and leave management businesses of Broadspire Services, Inc. and Broadspire Management Services, Inc. (collectively, Broadspire Disability) for approximately \$161 million. Broadspire Disability operates as a third party administrator offering absence management services, including short-term and long-term disability administration and leave management to employers. At September 30, 2006, approximately \$10 million of the purchase price will be payable upon the resolution of certain future events. We recorded approximately \$99 million of goodwill associated with the acquisition of Broadspire Disability, representing the purchase price in excess of the fair value of the net assets acquired (which includes approximately \$48 million of intangible assets, primarily consisting of a customer list and technology).

4. Earnings Per Common Share

Basic earnings per common share (EPS) is computed by dividing net income by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted EPS is computed similar to basic EPS, except that it reflects the potential dilution that could occur if dilutive securities were exercised or converted into common stock.

The computation for basic and diluted EPS from continuing operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 and 2005 is as follows:

(Millions, except per common share data)	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
Income from continuing operations	\$ 476.4	\$ 372.8	\$ 1,251.5	\$ 1,157.0
Weighted average shares used to compute basic EPS	536.6	577.4	554.8	581.8
Dilutive effect of outstanding stock-based compensation awards ⁽¹⁾	21.5	25.2	23.5	24.2
Weighted average shares used to compute diluted EPS	558.1	602.6	578.3	606.0

Basic EPS	\$.89	\$.65	\$ 2.26	\$ 1.99
Diluted EPS	\$.85	\$.62	\$ 2.16	\$ 1.91

(1) Approximately 5.4 million and 5.3 million stock appreciation rights (with exercise prices ranging from \$38.43 to \$52.11) were not included in the calculation of diluted earnings per common share for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, respectively, as their exercise prices were greater than the average market price of our common stock during such periods.

Table of Contents**5. Operating Expenses**

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 and 2005, selling expenses (which include broker commissions, the variable component of our internal sales force compensation and premium taxes) and general and administrative expenses were as follows:

(Millions)	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
Selling expenses	\$ 231.7	\$ 214.1	\$ 715.3	\$ 623.0
General and administrative expenses:				
Salaries and related benefits	583.0	541.0	1,728.5	1,674.9
Other general and administrative expenses	342.6	344.1	1,147.8	998.6
Total general and administrative expenses	925.6	885.1	2,876.3	2,673.5
Total operating expenses	\$ 1,157.3	\$ 1,099.2	\$ 3,591.6	\$ 3,296.5

6. Goodwill and Other Acquired Intangible Assets

Changes in the carrying amount of goodwill for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 and 2005 were as follows:

(Millions)	2006	2005
Balance, beginning of period	\$ 4,523.2	\$ 3,687.8
Goodwill acquired:		
Active Health		310.6
HMS		240.4
Broadspire Disability	99.0	
SRC		127.7
Other	.5	3.1
Balance, end of the period	\$ 4,622.7	\$ 4,369.6

Other acquired intangible assets at September 30, 2006 and December 31, 2005 were as follows:

(Millions)	Cost	Accumulated	Net Balance	Amortization
		Amortization		Period (Years)
September 30, 2006				
Other acquired intangible assets:				
Customer lists	\$ 1,169.6	\$ 961.9	\$ 207.7	4-10
Provider networks	696.2	274.8	421.4	12-25
Technology	56.5	17.4	39.1	3-5
Other	32.6	9.6	23.0	3-12
Trademarks	22.3		22.3	Indefinite
Total other acquired intangible assets	\$ 1,977.2	\$ 1,263.7	\$ 713.5	

December 31, 2005

Other acquired intangible assets:

Customer lists	\$ 1,132.4	\$ 937.5	\$ 194.9	4-9
Provider networks	696.2	253.2	443.0	12-25
Technology	44.1	6.2	37.9	3-5
Other	29.9	3.1	26.8	3-12
Trademarks	22.3		22.3	Indefinite
Total other acquired intangible assets	\$ 1,924.9	\$ 1,200.0	\$ 724.9	

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Annual pretax amortization for other acquired intangible assets over the next five calendar years is estimated to be as follows:

(Millions)

2007	\$ 87.2
2008	79.8
2009	68.8
2010	65.0
2011	60.3

7. Investments

Total investments at September 30, 2006 and December 31, 2005 were as follows:

(Millions)	September 30, 2006			December 31, 2005		
	Current	Long-term	Total	Current	Long-term	Total
Debt securities available for sale:						
Available for use in current operations	\$ 13,127.5 ⁽¹⁾	\$	\$ 13,127.5	\$ 13,216.9 ⁽¹⁾	\$	\$ 13,216.9
Loaned securities	895.8		895.8	1,115.7		1,115.7
On deposit, as required by regulatory authorities		501.6 ⁽³⁾	501.6		522.4 ⁽³⁾	522.4
Debt securities available for sale	14,023.3	501.6	14,524.9	14,332.6	522.4	14,855.0
Equity securities available for sale	31.8 ⁽¹⁾	40.3 ⁽³⁾	72.1	34.5 ⁽¹⁾	26.7 ⁽³⁾	61.2
Short-term investments	104.0 ⁽¹⁾		104.0	114.8 ⁽¹⁾		114.8
Mortgage loans	230.6 ⁽²⁾	1,381.2	1,611.8	86.7 ⁽²⁾	1,460.8	1,547.5
Investment real estate	(2)	188.1	188.1	7.4 ⁽²⁾	207.2	214.6
Other investments	3.5 ⁽²⁾	1,139.7 ⁽³⁾	1,143.2	2.7 ⁽²⁾	1,113.0 ⁽³⁾	1,115.7
Total investments	\$ 14,393.2	\$ 3,250.9	\$ 17,644.1	\$ 14,578.7	\$ 3,330.1	\$ 17,908.8

(1) Included in investment securities on the Consolidated Balance Sheets totaling \$13.3 billion and \$13.4 billion at September 30, 2006 and

December 31,
2005,
respectively.

(2) Included in other investments on the Consolidated Balance Sheets totaling \$234.1 million and \$96.8 million at September 30, 2006 and December 31, 2005, respectively.

(3) Included in long-term investments on the Consolidated Balance Sheets totaling \$1.7 billion at both September 30, 2006 and December 31, 2005.

Components of net investment income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 and 2005 were as follows:

(Millions)	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
Debt securities	\$ 193.8	\$ 204.4	\$ 602.0	\$ 634.8
Mortgage loans	36.7	34.5	95.9	98.0
Cash equivalents and other short-term investments	31.6	15.3	85.1	40.4
Other	24.7	35.5	94.5	82.3
Gross investment income	286.8	289.7	877.5	855.5
Less: investment expenses	(8.5)	(9.8)	(25.4)	(27.8)
Net investment income ⁽¹⁾	\$ 278.3	\$ 279.9	\$ 852.1	\$ 827.7

- (1) Includes amounts related to experience-rated contract holders of \$32.0 million and \$100.0 million during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, respectively, and \$36.5 million and \$110.4 million during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2005, respectively. Interest credited to experience-rated contract holders is included in current and future benefits on the Consolidated Statements of Income.

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Net realized capital gains (losses) for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 and 2005, excluding amounts related to experience-rated contract holders and discontinued products, were as follows:

(Millions)	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
Debt securities	\$ 9.1	\$ 11.1	\$ 1.2	\$ 14.5
Equity securities	.4		4.3	
Derivatives	.6	(4.6)	8.5	(1.6)
Real estate	5.4	2.0	9.3	6.0
Other			(1.4)	(.3)
Pretax net realized capital gains	\$ 15.5	\$ 8.5	\$ 21.9	\$ 18.6

Net realized capital gains related to experience-rated contract holders of \$4 million and \$10 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, respectively, and \$5 million and \$3 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2005, respectively, were deducted from net realized capital gains, and an offsetting amount is reflected in policyholders' funds. Net realized capital gains related to discontinued products of \$8 million and \$28 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, respectively, and \$12 million for both the three and nine months ended September 30, 2005 were deducted from net realized capital gains, and an offsetting amount is reflected in the reserve for anticipated future losses on discontinued products (refer to Note 15).

8. Other Comprehensive (Loss) Income

Changes in accumulated other comprehensive (loss) income related to changes in net unrealized (losses) gains on securities (excluding those related to experience-rated contract holders and discontinued products) and derivatives for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 and 2005 were as follows:

(Millions)	2006	2005
Securities:		
Net unrealized holding losses arising during the period ⁽¹⁾	\$ (46.1)	\$ (108.0)
Less: reclassification adjustment for losses included in net income ⁽²⁾	(5.1)	(3.2)
Net unrealized losses on securities	\$ (41.0)	\$ (104.8)
Derivatives:		
Net derivative gains (losses) arising during the period ⁽³⁾	\$ 14.8	\$ (4.3)
Less: reclassification adjustment for gains (losses) included in net income ⁽⁴⁾	5.7	(1.3)
Net derivative gains (losses)	\$ 9.1	\$ (3.0)

(1) Pretax net unrealized holding losses arising during the nine months ended September 30,

2006 and 2005 were \$(70.8) million and \$(166.2) million, respectively.

- (2) Pretax reclassification adjustments for losses included in net income were \$(7.8) million and \$(4.9) million for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 and 2005, respectively.
- (3) Pretax net derivative gains (losses) arising during the nine months ended September 30, 2006 and 2005 were \$22.8 million and \$(6.5) million, respectively.
- (4) Pretax reclassification adjustments for gains (losses) included in net income were \$8.8 million and \$(2.0) million for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 and 2005, respectively.

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Components of the net periodic benefit cost of our noncontributory defined benefit pension plans and other postretirement benefit (OPEB) plans for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 and 2005 were as follows:

(Millions)	Pension Plans				OPEB Plans			
	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended		Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30, 2006	September 30, 2005	September 30, 2006	September 30, 2005	September 30, 2006	September 30, 2005	September 30, 2006	September 30, 2005
Service cost	\$ 24.5	\$ 23.2	\$ 73.5	\$ 69.6	\$.1	\$.1	\$.3	\$.3
Interest cost	70.8	68.5	212.4	205.5	6.3	7.0	18.9	21.0
Expected return on plan assets	(102.7)	(92.6)	(308.1)	(277.8)	(1.0)	(1.1)	(3.0)	(3.3)
Amortization of prior service cost	1.4	1.3	4.2	3.9	(.5)	(.3)	(1.5)	(.9)
Recognized net actuarial loss	19.3	18.6	57.9	55.8	1.8	1.5	5.4	4.5
Net periodic benefit cost	\$ 13.3	\$ 19.0	\$ 39.9	\$ 57.0	\$ 6.7	\$ 7.2	\$ 20.1	\$ 21.6

Stock-Based Compensation Plans

Our stock-based compensation plans (the Plans) provide for awards of stock options, stock appreciation rights (SARs), restricted stock units (RSUs), deferred contingent common stock and the ability for employees to purchase common stock at a discount. At September 30, 2006, approximately 101 million common shares were available for issuance under the Plans.

Executive, middle management and non-management employees may be granted stock options, SARs and RSUs. Stock options are granted to purchase our common stock at or above the market price on the date of grant. SARs granted will be settled in stock, net of taxes, based on the appreciation of our stock price on the exercise date over the market price on the date of grant. SARs and stock options generally become 100% vested three years after the grant is made, with one-third vesting each year. From time to time, we have issued SARs and stock options with different vesting provisions. Vested SARs and stock options may be exercised at any time during the 10 years after grant, except in certain circumstances, generally related to employment termination or retirement. At the end of the 10-year period, any unexercised SARs and stock options expire. For each RSU granted, employees receive one share of common stock, net of taxes, at the end of the vesting period. The RSUs generally become 100% vested three years from the grant date.

We estimate the fair value of stock options and awards of SARs using a modified Black-Scholes option pricing model. The fair value of RSUs is based on the market price of our common stock on the date of grant. Stock options and SARs granted in the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 had a weighted average fair value of \$13.18 and \$16.43, respectively, and \$13.31 and \$10.83, respectively, for the corresponding periods in 2005 using the assumptions noted in the following table:

Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
September 30,		September 30,	
2006	2005	2006	2005

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Dividend yield	.1%	.1%	.1%	.1%
Expected volatility	33.1%	30.6%	30.9%	31.3%
Risk-free interest rate	4.8%	4.1%	4.6%	3.7%
Expected term (years)	4.5	4.5	4.5	4.5

We use historical data to estimate the period of time that stock options or SARs are expected to be outstanding. Expected volatilities are based on a weighted average of the historical volatility of our stock price and implied volatility from traded options on our stock. The risk-free interest rate for periods within the expected life of the stock option or SAR is based on the benchmark five-year U.S. Treasury rate in effect on the date of grant. The dividend yield assumption is based on our historical dividends declared.

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The stock option and SAR transactions for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 were as follows:

(Millions, except exercise price)	Number of Stock Options or SARs	Exercise Price	Contractual Life (Years)	Intrinsic Value
Stock options				
Outstanding at December 31, 2005	53.4	\$ 14.80	6.2	\$ 1,727.5
Granted				
Exercised	(6.9)	10.68		231.9
Expired or forfeited	(.4)	22.23		
Outstanding at September 30, 2006	46.1	\$ 15.34	5.6	\$ 1,115.8
Stock options exercisable at September 30, 2006	40.7	\$ 12.97	5.2	\$ 1,082.4
SARs				
Outstanding at December 31, 2005		\$		\$
Granted	5.5	49.91		
Exercised				
Expired or forfeited	(.1)	50.21		
Outstanding at September 30, 2006	5.4	\$ 49.90	9.1	\$ (1)
SARs exercisable at September 30, 2006	.3	\$ 50.21	4.4	\$

(1) Amounts rounded to zero.

During the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 and 2005, the following activity occurred under our Plans:

(Millions)	Three Months Ended September 30, 2006		2005		Nine Months Ended September 30, 2006		2005	
Cash received from stock option exercises	\$ 19.6	\$ 31.0	\$ 73.5	\$ 210.1				
Intrinsic value (the excess of stock price on the date of exercise over the exercise price)	43.0	73.3	231.8	457.0				
Tax benefits realized for the tax deductions from stock options exercised ⁽¹⁾	15.1	24.2	81.1	160.7				
Fair value of stock options vested ⁽²⁾	1.6	.4	62.4	69.9				

(1) No SARs were exercised during these periods.

- (2) No SARs vested during these periods.

We settle employee stock options with newly issued common stock and generally utilize the proceeds to repurchase common stock in the open market in the same period.

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The following is a summary of information regarding stock options and SARs outstanding and exercisable at September 30, 2006 (number of stock options and SARs and aggregate intrinsic values in millions):

Range of Exercise Price	Outstanding				Exercisable		
	Number	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life (Years)	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Aggregate Intrinsic Value	Number	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
Stock options							
\$0.00-\$5.21	1.3	2.9	\$ 4.95	\$ 43.4	1.3	\$ 4.95	\$ 43.4
5.21-10.42	14.6	4.3	8.19	457.4	14.6	8.19	457.4
10.42-15.63	13.6	5.0	10.63	392.1	13.5	10.63	391.8
15.63-20.84	8.4	6.8	19.36	169.8	8.4	19.37	168.8
20.84-26.06	.3	7.5	21.95	5.4	.3	21.93	4.7
26.06-31.27	(1)	8.1	27.54	(1)			
31.27-36.48	7.7	7.9	33.38	47.5	2.6	33.38	16.2
36.48-41.69	.2	8.6	38.90	.2	(1)	38.83	.1
41.69-46.90	(1)	8.9	42.16		(1)	42.16	
\$0.00-\$46.90	46.1	5.6	\$ 15.34	\$ 1,115.8	40.7	\$ 12.97	\$ 1,082.4
SARs							
\$31.27-\$36.48	(1)	9.9	\$ 35.37	\$ (1)		\$	\$
36.48-41.69	.2	9.8	39.90	(1)			
41.69-46.90							
46.90-52.11	5.2	9.1	50.20		.3	50.21	
\$31.27-\$52.11	5.4	9.1	\$ 49.90	\$.3	\$ 50.21	\$

(1) Amounts rounded to zero.

RSU transactions for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 were as follows (number of units in millions):

	RSUs	Weighted Average Grant Date Fair Value
RSUs at December 31, 2005	(1)	\$ 34.62
Granted	.8	50.12
Vested	(1)	35.05
Forfeited	(1)	50.21
RSUs at September 30, 2006	.8	\$ 49.80

- (1) Amounts
rounded to zero.

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, we recorded pretax stock-based compensation expense of \$12 million and \$62 million, respectively, and \$8 million and \$84 million, respectively, for the corresponding periods in 2005, in general and administrative expenses. We also recorded related tax benefits of \$4 million and \$22 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, respectively, and \$3 million and \$29 million, respectively, for the corresponding periods in 2005. As of September 30, 2006, \$89 million of total unrecognized compensation costs related to stock options, SARs and RSUs are expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 2.1 years.

All of our employees are eligible to participate in our Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the ESPP). Employees may contribute a percentage of their base salary through payroll deductions. Contributions are accumulated for a six-month offering period and used to purchase stock at the end of the six-month offering period (the Purchase Date). On the Purchase Date, stock is purchased for all participating employees based on the contributions accumulated (subject to a \$25,000 annual limit per employee). A six-month accumulation period commenced on December 19, 2005 and ended on June 16, 2006. The purchase price for this offering was at a 5% discount from the closing price of our common stock on the Purchase Date. For the six months ended June 30, 2006, approximately .1 million shares of common stock

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were purchased under the ESPP at the purchase price of \$37.27 per share. On June 19, 2006, another six-month accumulation period commenced. This accumulation period ends on December 15, 2006, and the purchase price for this offering is at a 5% discount from the closing price of our common stock on the Purchase Date.

10. Debt

The carrying value of long-term debt at September 30, 2006 and December 31, 2005 was as follows:

(Millions)	September 30, 2006	December 31, 2005
Senior notes, 7.375%, due 2006 ⁽¹⁾	\$	\$ 450.0
Senior notes, 5.75%, due 2011	449.5	
Senior notes, 7.875%, due 2011	448.4	448.1
Senior notes, 6.0%, due 2016	745.7	
Senior notes, 6.625%, due 2036	798.4	
Senior notes, 8.50%, due 2041 ⁽²⁾		707.6
Total long-term debt	2,442.0	1,605.7
Less current portion of long-term debt ⁽¹⁾		(450.0)
Long-term debt, less current portion	\$ 2,442.0	\$ 1,155.7

(1) The 7.375% senior notes were repaid in February 2006.

(2) The 8.5% senior notes were redeemed and repaid in June 2006.

In June 2006, we issued \$2.0 billion of senior notes, comprised of \$450 million of 5.75% senior notes due 2011, \$750 million of 6.0% senior notes due 2016 and \$800 million of 6.625% senior notes due 2036. The proceeds from these senior notes were used to redeem the entire \$700 million aggregate principal amount of our 8.5% senior notes due 2041 and to repay approximately \$400 million of commercial paper borrowings, outstanding since the March 1, 2006 maturity of the entire \$450 million aggregate principal amount of our 7.375% senior notes. The remainder of the net proceeds were used for general corporate purposes, including share repurchases. In connection with the redemption of the \$700 million, 8.5% senior notes, we wrote-off deferred debt issuance costs associated with these senior notes and recognized the deferred gain from the interest rate swaps that hedged these senior notes (in May 2005, we sold these interest rate swaps; the resulting gain from which was to be amortized over the remaining life of these senior notes). As a result of the foregoing, we recorded an \$8 million after tax (\$12 million pretax) non-cash charge in operating expenses for the nine months ended September 30, 2006.

Additionally, in connection with our June 2006 debt issuance, we terminated the five forward starting swaps (with an aggregate notional value of \$1.0 billion) that we entered into between August 2005 and June 2006 in order to hedge the change in cash flows associated with interest payments generated by the forecasted issuance of the senior notes. As a result of the termination of the five forward starting swaps, we received approximately \$15 million which was recorded as accumulated other comprehensive income and will be amortized as a reduction of interest expense over the life of the applicable senior notes issued in June 2006.

On January 20, 2006, we entered into an amended and restated unsecured \$1 billion, five-year revolving credit agreement (the Facility) superceding our previously existing credit facility. The Facility also provides for up to \$150 million of letters of credit to be issued at our request, which count as usage of the available commitments under the Facility. The Facility permits the aggregate commitments under the Facility to be expanded to a maximum of \$1.35 billion upon our agreement with one or more financial institutions. Various interest rate options are available under the Facility. Any revolving borrowings mature on the termination date of the Facility. We pay facility fees on the Facility ranging from .05% to .175% per annum, depending upon our long-term senior unsecured debt rating. The Facility contains a financial covenant that requires us to maintain a ratio of total debt to consolidated capitalization as of the end of each fiscal quarter ending on or after December 31, 2005 at or below .4 to 1.0. For this purpose, consolidated capitalization equals the sum of shareholders equity, excluding any minimum pension liability adjustment and any net unrealized capital gains and losses, and total debt (as defined in the Facility). We met this requirement at September 30, 2006.

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In January 2006, certain of our subsidiaries entered in a one-year \$45 million variable funding credit program with a bank to provide short-term liquidity to those subsidiaries. Borrowings under this program are secured by certain assets of those subsidiaries. At September 30, 2006, there was \$1.5 million outstanding under this program at an interest rate of 6.11%.

11. Capital Stock

On September 29, 2005, January 27, 2006, April 28, 2006 and September 29, 2006 the Board authorized four share repurchase programs for the repurchase of up to \$750 million, \$750 million, \$820 million and \$750 million, respectively, of common stock (\$3.1 billion in aggregate). During the nine month period ended September 30, 2006, we repurchased approximately 52 million shares of common stock at a cost of approximately \$2.0 billion (approximately \$59 million of these repurchase transactions were settled in early October 2006), completing the September 29, 2005 and January 27, 2006 authorizations and utilizing a portion of the April 28, 2006 authorization. As of September 30, 2006, we had authorization to repurchase up to approximately \$937 million of common stock remaining under the April 28, 2006 and September 29, 2006 authorizations.

In connection with the stock split described in Note 1, the Board approved an amendment to our Articles of Incorporation. The amendment increased the number of common shares we may issue to 2.9 billion shares effective February 17, 2006 (which has subsequently been reduced due to our share repurchase activity). This increase is in the same proportion that the shares distributed in the stock dividend increased the number of issued common shares. On September 29, 2006, the Board declared an annual cash dividend of \$.04 per share to shareholders of record at the close of business on November 15, 2006. The dividend will be paid on November 30, 2006.

12. Dividend Restrictions and Statutory Surplus

Under regulatory requirements as of September 30, 2006, the amount of dividends that may be paid through the end of 2006 by our insurance and HMO subsidiaries to Aetna without prior approval by regulatory authorities is approximately \$336 million in the aggregate. There are no such restrictions on distributions from Aetna to its shareholders.

At September 30, 2006, the combined statutory capital and surplus of our insurance and HMO subsidiaries was \$4.4 billion. At December 31, 2005, such capital and surplus was \$4.5 billion.

13. Commitments and Contingencies*Managed Care Class Action Litigation*

From 1999 through early 2003, we were involved in purported class action lawsuits as part of a wave of similar actions targeting the health care payor industry and, in particular, the conduct of business by managed care companies. These cases, brought on behalf of health care providers (the Provider Cases), alleged generally that we and other defendant managed care organizations engaged in coercive behavior or a variety of improper business practices in dealing with health care providers and conspired with one another regarding this purported wrongful conduct.

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Effective May 21, 2003, we and representatives of over 900,000 physicians, state and other medical societies entered into an agreement (the Physician Settlement Agreement) settling the lead physician Provider Case, which was pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida (the Florida Federal Court). We believe that the Physician Settlement Agreement, which has received final court approval, resolved all then pending Provider Cases filed on behalf of physicians that did not opt out of the settlement. During the second quarter of 2003, we recorded a charge of \$75 million (\$115 million pretax) (included in other operating expenses) in connection with the Physician Settlement Agreement, net of an estimated insurance recoverable of \$72 million pretax. We believe our insurance policies with third party insurers apply to this matter and have been vigorously pursuing recovery from those insurers in Pennsylvania state court (the Coverage Litigation). During the second quarter of 2006, the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania state trial court issued a summary judgment ruling dismissing all of our claims in the Coverage Litigation. We have appealed that ruling and intend to continue to vigorously pursue recovery from our third party insurers. However, as a result of that ruling, we concluded that the estimated insurance recoverable of \$72 million pretax that was recorded in connection with the Physician Settlement Agreement is no longer probable of collection for accounting purposes, and therefore, during the second quarter of 2006, we wrote-off that recoverable. We continue to work with plaintiffs representatives in implementing the Physician Settlement Agreement and the issues that may arise under that agreement.

Several Provider Cases filed in 2003 on behalf of purported classes of chiropractors and/or all non-physician health care providers also make factual and legal allegations similar to those contained in the other Provider Cases, including allegations of violations of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act. These Provider Cases seek various forms of relief, including unspecified damages, treble damages, punitive damages and injunctive relief. These Provider Cases have been transferred to the Florida Federal Court for consolidated pretrial proceedings. We intend to defend each of these cases vigorously.

Insurance Industry Brokerage Practices Matters

We have received subpoenas and other requests for information from the New York Attorney General, the Connecticut Attorney General, other attorneys general and various insurance and other regulators with respect to an industry wide investigation into certain insurance brokerage practices, including broker compensation arrangements, bid quoting practices and potential antitrust violations. We may receive additional subpoenas and requests for information from these attorneys general and regulators. We are cooperating with these inquiries.

In connection with this industry wide review, we have received, and may receive, additional subpoenas and requests for information from other attorneys general and other regulators, and we have been named in related litigation.

Other Litigation and Regulatory Proceedings

We are involved in numerous other lawsuits arising, for the most part, in the ordinary course of our business operations, including employment litigation and claims of bad faith, medical malpractice, non-compliance with state regulatory regimes, marketing misconduct, failure to timely pay medical claims, investment activities, patent infringement and other intellectual property litigation and other litigation in our Health Care and Group Insurance businesses. Some of these other lawsuits are or are purported to be class actions. We intend to defend these matters vigorously.

In addition, our current and past business practices are subject to review by, and from time to time we receive subpoenas and other requests for information from, various state insurance and health care regulatory authorities and other state and federal authorities. There also continues to be heightened review by regulatory authorities of the managed health care industry s business practices, including utilization management, delegated arrangements and claim payment practices. As a leading national managed care organization, we regularly are the subject of such reviews. These reviews may result, and have resulted, in changes to or clarifications of our business practices, as well as fines, penalties or other sanctions.

We are unable to predict at this time the ultimate outcome of the remaining Provider Cases, the insurance industry brokerage practices matters or other litigation and regulatory proceedings, and it is reasonably possible that their outcome could be material to us.

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Summarized financial information of our segments for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 and 2005 were as follows:

(Millions)	Health Care	Group Insurance	Large Case Pensions	Corporate Interest	Total Company
Three months ended September 30, 2006					
Revenue from external customers	\$ 5,503.4	\$ 449.5	\$ 52.8	\$	\$ 6,005.7
Operating earnings (loss) ⁽¹⁾	447.0	34.6	10.6	(25.9)	466.3
Three months ended September 30, 2005					
Revenue from external customers	\$ 4,907.3	\$ 445.9	\$ 59.1	\$	\$ 5,412.3
Operating earnings (loss) ⁽¹⁾	346.5	32.3	9.6	(21.1)	367.3
Nine months ended September 30, 2006					
Revenue from external customers	\$ 16,361.0	\$ 1,391.1	\$ 160.1	\$	\$ 17,912.2
Operating earnings (loss) ⁽¹⁾	1,160.5	102.8	30.0	(69.6)	1,223.7
Nine months ended September 30, 2005					
Revenue from external customers	\$ 14,251.0	\$ 1,361.0	\$ 166.2	\$	\$ 15,778.2
Operating earnings (loss) ⁽¹⁾	1,046.2	92.7	21.2	(58.6)	1,101.5

⁽¹⁾ Operating earnings (loss) excludes net realized capital gains or losses and the other items described in the reconciliation below.

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The following table reconciles operating earnings to income from continuing operations in the Consolidated Statements of Income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 and 2005:

(Millions)	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
Operating earnings	\$ 466.3	\$ 367.3	\$ 1,223.7	\$ 1,101.5
Net realized capital gains, net of tax	10.1	5.5	14.2	12.1
Reduction of reserve for anticipated future losses on discontinued products ⁽¹⁾			75.0	43.4
Physician class action settlement insurance-related charge ⁽²⁾			(47.1)	
Debt refinancing charge ⁽³⁾			(8.1)	
Acquisition-related software charge ⁽⁴⁾			(6.2)	
Income from continuing operations	\$ 476.4	\$ 372.8	\$ 1,251.5	\$ 1,157.0

(1) We reduced the reserve for anticipated future losses on discontinued products by \$75.0 million (\$115.4 million pretax) and \$43.4 million (\$66.7 million pretax) in the nine months ended September 30, 2006 and 2005, respectively. We believe excluding any changes to the reserve for anticipated future losses on discontinued products provides more useful information as to our continuing products and is

consistent with the treatment of the results of operations of these discontinued products, which are credited/charged to the reserve and do not affect our results of operations. Refer to Note 15 for additional information on the reduction of the reserve for anticipated future losses on discontinued products.

- (2) As a result of a trial court's ruling in the nine months ended September 30, 2006, we concluded that a \$72.4 million pretax receivable from third party insurers related to certain litigation we settled in 2003 was no longer probable of collection for accounting purposes. As a result, we wrote-off this receivable in the nine months ended September 30, 2006. We believe this charge neither relates to the

ordinary course of our business nor reflects our underlying business performance and therefore, we have excluded it from operating earnings for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 (refer to Note 13).

- (3) In connection with the issuance of \$2.0 billion of our senior notes in the nine months ended September 30, 2006, we redeemed all \$700 million of our 8.5% senior notes due 2041. In connection with this redemption, we wrote-off debt issuance costs associated with the 8.5% senior notes due 2041 and recognized the deferred gain from the interest rate swaps that had hedged the 8.5% senior notes due 2041 (in May 2005, we sold these interest rate swaps; the resulting gain from which was to be amortized over the

remaining life of the 8.5% senior notes due 2041).

As a result of the foregoing, we recorded an \$8.1 million (\$12.4 million pretax) net charge in the nine months ended September 30, 2006. We believe this charge neither relates to the ordinary course of our business nor reflects our underlying business performance and therefore, we have excluded it from operating earnings for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 (refer to Note 10).

- (4) As a result of the acquisition of Broadspire Disability in the nine months ended September 30, 2006, we acquired certain software which eliminated the need for similar software that we had been developing internally. As a result, we ceased our own software

development and
impaired
amounts
previously
capitalized,
resulting in a
\$6.2 million
(\$8.3 million
pretax) charge to
net income,
reflected in
general and
administrative
expenses for the
nine months
ended
September 30,
2006. This
charge does not
reflect the
underlying
business
performance of
Group Insurance.

15. Discontinued Products

We discontinued the sale of our fully guaranteed large case pension products (single-premium annuities (SPAs) and guaranteed investment contracts (GICs)) in 1993. Under our accounting for these discontinued products, a reserve for anticipated future losses from these products was established, and we review it quarterly. As long as the reserve continues to represent our then best estimate of expected future losses, results of operations of the discontinued products, including net realized capital gains and losses, are credited/charged to the reserve and do not affect our results of operations. Our results of operations would be adversely affected to the extent that future losses on the products are greater than anticipated and favorably affected to the extent that future losses are less than anticipated. The current reserve reflects our best estimate of anticipated future losses.

The factors contributing to changes in the reserve for anticipated future losses are: operating income or loss, realized capital gains or losses and mortality gains or losses. Operating income or loss is equal to revenue less expenses. Realized capital gains or losses reflect the excess (deficit) of sales price over (below) the carrying value of assets sold and any other-than-temporary impairments. Mortality gains or losses reflect the mortality and retirement experience related to SPAs. A mortality gain (loss) occurs when an annuitant or a beneficiary dies sooner (later) than expected. A retirement gain (loss) occurs when an annuitant retires later (earlier) than expected.

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At the time of discontinuance, a receivable from Large Case Pensions continuing products equivalent to the net present value of the anticipated cash flow shortfalls was established for the discontinued products. Interest on the receivable is accrued at the discount rate that was used to calculate the reserve. The offsetting payable, on which interest is similarly accrued, is reflected in continuing products. Interest on the payable generally offsets the investment income on the assets available to fund the shortfall. At September 30, 2006, the receivable from continuing products, net of related deferred taxes payable of \$135 million on accrued interest income, was \$311 million. At December 31, 2005, the receivable from continuing products, net of related deferred taxes payable of \$127 million on accrued interest income, was \$372 million. These amounts were eliminated in consolidation.

Results of discontinued products for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 and 2005 were as follows (pretax):

(Millions)	Results	Charged (Credited) to Reserve for Future Losses	Net ⁽¹⁾
Three months ended September 30, 2006			
Net investment income	\$ 76.8	\$	\$ 76.8
Net realized capital gains	7.9	(7.9)	
Interest earned on receivable from continuing products	6.7		6.7
Other revenue	2.8		2.8
Total revenue	94.2	(7.9)	86.3
Current and future benefits	82.3	.8	83.1
Operating expenses	3.2		3.2
Total benefits and expenses	85.5	.8	86.3
Results of discontinued products	\$ 8.7	\$ (8.7)	\$
Three months ended September 30, 2005			
Net investment income	\$ 72.3	\$	\$ 72.3
Net realized capital gains	12.3	(12.3)	
Interest earned on receivable from continuing products	7.4		7.4
Other revenue	3.8		3.8
Total revenue	95.8	(12.3)	83.5
Current and future benefits	85.2	(5.1)	80.1
Operating expenses	3.4		3.4
Total benefits and expenses	88.6	(5.1)	83.5
Results of discontinued products	\$ 7.2	\$ (7.2)	\$

Nine months ended September 30, 2006

Net investment income	\$ 236.2	\$		\$ 236.2
Net realized capital gains	28.4		(28.4)	
Interest earned on receivable from continuing products	22.1			22.1
Other revenue	13.9			13.9
Total revenue	300.6		(28.4)	272.2
Current and future benefits	249.0		14.4	263.4
Operating expenses	8.8			8.8
Total benefits and expenses	257.8		14.4	272.2
Results of discontinued products	\$ 42.8	\$	(42.8)	\$

Nine months ended September 30, 2005

Net investment income	\$ 248.0	\$		\$ 248.0
Net realized capital gains	12.2		(12.2)	
Interest earned on receivable from continuing products	23.1			23.1
Other revenue	16.3			16.3
Total revenue	299.6		(12.2)	287.4
Current and future benefits	258.2		21.1	279.3
Operating expenses	8.1			8.1
Total benefits and expenses	266.3		21.1	287.4
Results of discontinued products	\$ 33.3	\$	(33.3)	\$

(1) Amounts are reflected in the September 30, 2006 and 2005 Consolidated Statements of Income, except for interest earned on the receivable from continuing products, which was eliminated in consolidation.

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Assets and liabilities supporting discontinued products at September 30, 2006 and December 31, 2005 were as follows: ⁽¹⁾

(Millions)	September 30, 2006	December 31, 2005
Assets:		
Debt securities available for sale	\$ 2,897.0	\$ 3,032.3
Equity securities available for sale	56.4	43.1
Mortgage loans	641.8	644.9
Investment real estate	81.0	103.6
Loaned securities	230.0	289.3
Other investments ⁽²⁾	662.8	603.3
Total investments	4,569.0	4,716.5
Collateral received under securities loan agreements	237.3	295.4
Current and deferred income taxes	107.8	88.9
Receivable from continuing products ⁽³⁾	445.9	498.8
Total assets	\$ 5,360.0	\$ 5,599.6
Liabilities:		
Future policy benefits	\$ 3,804.7	\$ 3,908.4
Policyholders funds	24.6	23.5
Reserve for anticipated future losses on discontinued products	1,021.2	1,052.2
Collateral payable under securities loan agreements	237.3	295.4
Other liabilities	272.2	320.1
Total liabilities	\$ 5,360.0	\$ 5,599.6

(1) Assets supporting the discontinued products are distinguished from assets supporting continuing products.

(2) Includes debt securities on deposit as required by regulatory authorities of \$21.8 million and \$21.3 million at September 30, 2006 and December 31, 2005, respectively. These securities are considered restricted assets and were included in long-term investments on the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

(3) The receivable from continuing products is eliminated in consolidation.

At September 30, 2006 and December 31, 2005, net unrealized capital gains on debt securities available for sale are included above in other liabilities and are not reflected in consolidated shareholders' equity. The reserve for anticipated future losses is included in future policy benefits on the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

The reserve for anticipated future losses on discontinued products represents the present value (at a risk-free rate of return at the time of discontinuance, consistent with the duration of the liabilities) of the difference between the expected cash flows from the assets supporting discontinued products and the cash flows expected to be required to meet the obligations of the outstanding contracts. Calculation of the reserve for anticipated future losses requires projection of both the amount and the timing of cash flows over approximately the next 30 years, including consideration of, among other things, future investment results, participant withdrawal and mortality rates as well as the cost of asset management and customer service. Since 1993, there have been no significant changes to the assumptions underlying the calculation of the reserve related to the projection of the amount and timing of cash flows,

except as noted below.

The projection of future investment results considers assumptions for interest rates, bond discount rates and performance of mortgage loans and real estate. Mortgage loan cash flow assumptions represent management's best estimate of current and future levels of rent growth, vacancy and expenses based upon market conditions at each reporting date. The performance of real estate assets has been consistently estimated using the most recent forecasts available. Since 1997, a bond default assumption has been included to reflect historical default experience, since the bond portfolio increased as a percentage of the overall investment portfolio and reflected more bond credit risk, concurrent with the declines in the commercial mortgage loan and real estate portfolios.

The previous years' actual participant withdrawal experience is used for the current year assumption. Prior to 1995, the Company used the 1983 Group Annuitant Mortality table published by the Society of Actuaries (the Society). In 1995, the Society published the 1994 Uninsured Pensioner's Mortality table, which we have used since then.

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Our assumptions about the cost of asset management and customer service reflect actual investment and general expenses allocated over invested assets.

The activity in the reserve for anticipated future losses on discontinued products for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 was as follows (pretax):

(Millions)

Reserve for anticipated future losses on discontinued products at December 31, 2005	\$1,052.2
Operating income	9.2
Net realized capital gains	28.4
Mortality and other	5.2
Tax benefits ⁽¹⁾	41.6
Reserve reduction	(115.4)
Reserve for anticipated future losses on discontinued products at September 30, 2006	\$1,021.2

⁽¹⁾ Amount represents tax credits primarily from tax advantaged investments which were reclassified within the liabilities supporting discontinued products from deferred tax liabilities.

Management reviews the adequacy of the discontinued products reserve quarterly and, as a result, \$115 million (\$75 million after tax) and \$67 million (\$43 million after tax) of the reserve was released in the nine months ended September 30, 2006, and 2005, respectively, primarily due to favorable investment performance and favorable mortality and retirement experience compared to assumptions underlying the reserve calculation.

16. Discontinued Operations

On July 8, 2004, we were notified that the Congressional Joint Committee on Taxation approved a tax refund of approximately \$740 million, including interest, relating to businesses that were sold in the 1990s by our former parent company. Also in 2004, we filed for, and were approved for, an additional \$35 million tax refund related to other businesses that were sold by our former parent company. The tax refunds were recorded as income from discontinued operations in 2004. We received approximately \$666 million of the tax refunds during 2004 and \$69 million in 2005. We received the final approximately \$50 million payment of these refunds in February 2006, which resulted in an additional \$16 million of income from discontinued operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2006.

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Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

The Board of Directors and Shareholders

Aetna Inc.:

We have reviewed the consolidated balance sheet of Aetna Inc. and subsidiaries as of September 30, 2006, the related consolidated statements of income for the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2006 and 2005 and the related consolidated statements of shareholders' equity and cash flows for the nine-month periods ended September 30, 2006 and 2005. These condensed consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management.

We conducted our reviews in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). A review of interim financial information consists principally of applying analytical procedures and making inquiries of persons responsible for financial and accounting matters. It is substantially less in scope than an audit conducted in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the objective of which is the expression of an opinion regarding the financial statements taken as a whole.

Accordingly, we do not express such an opinion.

Based on our reviews, we are not aware of any material modifications that should be made to the condensed consolidated financial statements referred to above for them to be in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

We have previously audited, in accordance with standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated balance sheet of Aetna Inc. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2005, and the related consolidated statements of income, shareholders' equity, and cash flows for the year then ended (not presented herein); and in our report dated March 1, 2006, we expressed an unqualified opinion on those consolidated financial statements. In our opinion, the information set forth in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet as of December 31, 2005, is fairly stated, in all material respects, in relation to the consolidated balance sheet from which it has been derived.

/s/ KPMG LLP

Hartford, Connecticut

October 26, 2006

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Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations (MD&A)

Unless the context otherwise requires, references to the terms we, our or us used throughout this MD&A refer to Aetna Inc. (Aetna) and its subsidiaries (collectively, the Company).

OVERVIEW

We are one of the nation's leading diversified health care benefits companies, serving approximately 29.8 million people with information and resources to help them make better informed decisions about their health care. We offer a broad range of traditional and consumer-directed health insurance products and related services, including medical, pharmacy, dental, behavioral health, group life, long-term care and disability plans, and medical management capabilities. Our customers include employer groups, individuals, college students, part-time and hourly workers, health plans and government-sponsored plans. Our operations are conducted in three business segments: Health Care, Group Insurance and Large Case Pensions.

The following MD&A provides a review of our financial condition as of September 30, 2006 and December 31, 2005 and results of operations for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 and 2005. This Overview should be read in conjunction with the entire MD&A, which contains detailed information that is important to understanding our results of operations and financial condition, the consolidated financial statements and other data presented herein as well as the MD&A contained in our 2005 Annual Report on Form 10-K (the 2005 Annual Report). This Overview is qualified in its entirety by the full MD&A.

Our operating profit for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, compared to the corresponding periods in 2005, reflects growth in our Health Care business. The increase in our operating profit primarily reflects growth in revenue from increases in membership levels and rate increases for renewing membership in 2006 as well as continued general and administrative expense efficiencies. We experienced membership growth in both our Risk (where we assume all or a majority of risk for medical and dental care costs) and administrative services contract (ASC) products. As of September 30, 2006, we served approximately 15.4 million medical members (consisting of approximately 34% Risk members and 66% ASC members), 13.4 million dental members, 10.2 million pharmacy members and 15.3 million group insurance members. Our operating profit for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 increased even though we experienced a higher Commercial Risk medical cost ratio in our Health Care segment during 2006.

We continued to generate strong cash flows from operations in 2006. Cash flows provided by operating activities in 2006 reflect the receipt of approximately \$50 million, representing the final refund payment from the completion of certain Internal Revenue Service audits associated with businesses previously sold by our former parent company (refer to Note 16 of Condensed Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information). Operating cash flows were used to fund ordinary course operating activities and to make \$245 million in voluntary contributions to our pension plan.

Other sources and uses of cash include the proceeds from our 2006 debt offering and repurchases of our common stock, respectively. In June 2006, we issued \$2.0 billion of senior notes, the proceeds of which were used to redeem our 8.5% senior notes, to repay approximately \$400 million of commercial paper borrowings and for general corporate purposes, including share repurchases. Refer to Liquidity and Capital Resources—Financings, Financing Capacity and Capitalization and Note 10 of Condensed Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information. We also continued our share repurchase programs during the nine months ended September 30, 2006, repurchasing 52 million shares of our common stock at a cost of approximately \$2.0 billion (approximately \$59 million of these repurchase transactions were settled in early October 2006).

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Effective January 1, 2006, we adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (FAS) No. 123 Revised, *Share-Based Payment* (FAS 123R). FAS 123R requires us to expense the fair value of all stock-based compensation awards issued to employees and non-employees. Stock-based compensation expense is measured at the grant date, based on the fair value of the award. The expense is recognized over the requisite service period, which primarily is the vesting period, except for retirement eligible individuals for whom a majority of the expense is recognized in the year of grant. We applied the modified-retrospective approach of adopting FAS 123R and accordingly, all prior period financial information was adjusted to reflect our stock compensation activity since 1995. We recorded stock-based compensation expense, included in general and administrative expenses, of \$8 million (\$12 million pretax) and \$5 million (\$8 million pretax), representing \$.01 per common share each, in the third quarter of 2006 and 2005, respectively, and \$40 million (\$62 million pretax) and \$55 million (\$84 million pretax), representing \$.07 and \$.09 per common share, for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 and 2005, respectively. Stock-based compensation expense is recorded in each of our segments (primarily Health Care and Group Insurance). Refer to our segment results below and Notes 2 and 9 of Condensed Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information.

Summary of Consolidated Results for the Three and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2006 and 2005:

(Millions, except per share amounts)	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
Total revenues	\$6,299.5	\$5,700.7	\$18,786.2	\$16,624.5
Income from continuing operations ⁽¹⁾	476.4	372.8	1,251.5	1,157.0
Net income ⁽²⁾	476.4	372.8	1,267.6	1,157.0
Income from continuing operations per common share	.85	.62	2.16	1.91
Net income per common share	.85	.62	2.19	1.91

(1) Income from continuing operations for the three months ended September 30, 2006 and 2005 reflects favorable development of prior period health care cost estimates of approximately \$29 million (\$45 million pretax) and \$15 million (\$24 million pretax), respectively. Income from continuing operations for the nine months ended September 30, 2005 reflects the release of approximately \$65 million (\$103 million pretax) of reserves related to the New York Market Stabilization Pool. This development was recorded in the Health Care segment and is discussed in further detail below in the discussion of Health Care results. Other items reflected in income from continuing operations include:

Ø For the nine months ended September 30, 2006 and 2005 we reduced the reserve for anticipated future losses on discontinued products in the Large Case Pensions segment by \$75.0 million (\$115.4 million pretax) and \$43.4 million (\$66.7 million pretax), respectively.

Ø For the nine months ended September 30, 2006 we recorded a charge of \$47.1 million (\$72.4 million pretax) in connection with the write off of an insurance recoverable as a result of a trial court summary judgment ruling (refer to Note 13 of Condensed Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements), and a net charge of \$8.1 million (\$12.4 million pretax) related to the write off of debt issuance costs and the recognition of deferred gains on terminated interest rate swaps in connection with the redemption of our 8.5% senior notes due 2041 (refer to Note 10 of Condensed Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements). Both of these charges are reflected in the Health Care segment.

Ø As a result of the acquisition of Broadspire Disability in the first quarter of 2006, we acquired certain software which eliminated the need for similar software we had been developing internally. As a result, we ceased our own software development and impaired amounts previously capitalized,

resulting in a \$6.2 million (\$8.3 million pretax) charge to net income, reflected in general and administrative expenses for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 in the Group Insurance segment.

- (2) Net income for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 includes income from discontinued operations of \$16.1 million related to the completion of certain Internal Revenue Service audits associated with businesses previously sold by our former parent company.

Management Update

Effective October 1, 2006, Chief Executive Officer and President Ronald A. Williams was appointed Chairman of the Board succeeding John W. Rowe, M.D. who retired from Aetna and Aetna's Board of Directors (the Board) on that date. In connection with his retirement, Dr. Rowe and Aetna entered into a consulting agreement on terms previously disclosed.

On April 27, 2006, we announced that Alan M. Bennett, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, plans to retire in the first quarter of 2007. Mr. Bennett has been our Chief Financial Officer since 2001. We are conducting a comprehensive search for a replacement, and Mr. Bennett is assisting us in the process to assure an orderly transition.

Table of Contents**Acquisition of Broadspire Disability Business**

On March 31, 2006, we acquired the disability and leave management businesses of Broadspire Services, Inc. and Broadspire Management Services, Inc. (collectively, Broadspire Disability) for approximately \$161 million. Broadspire Disability operates as a third party administrator, offering absence management services, including short-term and long-term disability administration and leave management, to employers.

Severance Charge

In the fourth quarter of 2006, we will record an after tax severance charge of approximately \$16 million (\$24 million pretax) related to ongoing initiatives intended to streamline our organization, align our resources and reduce general and administrative expenses. This charge will consist of costs related to actions under a plan of involuntary termination of employees and will include the elimination of approximately 650 positions.

Use of Non-GAAP Measures in this Document

The discussion of our results of operations that follows is presented based on our reportable segments in accordance with FAS No. 131, *Disclosures about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information*, and is consistent with our segment disclosure included in Note 14 of Condensed Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements. Each segment's discussion of results is based on operating earnings, which is the measure reported to our Chief Executive Officer for purposes of assessing the segment's financial performance and making operating decisions, such as allocating resources to the segment. Our operations are conducted in three business segments: Health Care, Group Insurance and Large Case Pensions.

Our discussion of the results of operations of each business segment is based on operating earnings, which exclude realized capital gains and losses as well as other items from net income reported in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP). We believe excluding realized capital gains and losses from net income to arrive at operating earnings provides more useful information about our underlying business performance. Realized capital gains and losses arise from various types of transactions, primarily in the course of managing a portfolio of assets that support the payment of liabilities; however these transactions do not directly relate to the underwriting or servicing of products for our customers and are not directly related to the core performance of our business operations. We also may exclude other items from net income to arrive at operating earnings should those other items similarly not relate to the ordinary course of our business. In each segment discussion below, we present a table that reconciles operating earnings to net income reported in accordance with GAAP. Each table details the realized capital gains and losses and any other items excluded from net income, and the footnotes to each table describe the nature of each other item and why we believe it is appropriate to exclude that item from net income.

We also display certain medical cost ratios excluding development of prior period health costs estimates. As described in the discussion of Critical Accounting Estimates Health Care Costs Payable, each quarter, we reexamine previously established estimates of health care costs payable based on actual claim submissions and other changes in facts and circumstances. Decreases (increases) in prior periods' health care cost estimates represent the effect of favorable (unfavorable) development of prior period health care cost estimates on current period results of operations at each financial statement date. We believe excluding development of prior period health care cost estimates better reflects our underlying current period health care costs.

HEALTH CARE

Health Care consists of medical, pharmacy benefits management and dental and vision plans offered on both a Risk basis and an ASC basis (where the plan sponsor assumes all or a majority of the risk for medical and dental care costs). Medical plans include point-of-service (POS), health maintenance organization, preferred provider organization (PPO) and indemnity benefit products. Medical plans also include health savings accounts (HSAs) and Aetna HealthFund®, consumer-directed health plans that combine traditional POS or PPO and/or dental coverage, subject to a deductible, with an accumulating benefit account. Health Care also offers specialty products, such as medical management and data analytics services, behavioral health plans and stop loss insurance, as well as products that provide access to our provider network in select markets.

Table of Contents**Operating Summary for the Three and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2006 and 2005:**

(Millions)	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
Premiums:				
Commerical Risk ⁽¹⁾	\$4,350.2	\$4,039.3	\$12,972.6	\$11,742.0
Medicare	469.0	252.0	1,334.6	748.5
Medicaid	1.1		1.1	
Total premiums	4,820.3	4,291.3	14,308.3	12,490.5
Fees and other revenue	683.1	616.0	2,052.7	1,760.5
Net investment income	84.7	76.9	249.3	218.2
Net realized capital gains	3.5	1.9	2.3	7.7
Total revenue	5,591.6	4,986.1	16,612.6	14,476.9
Health care costs ⁽²⁾	3,797.4	3,390.4	11,481.9	9,683.6
Operating expenses:				
Selling expenses	212.0	193.5	651.2	562.5
General and administrative expenses ⁽³⁾	862.6	838.3	2,694.9	2,534.5
Total operating expenses	1,074.6	1,031.8	3,346.1	3,097.0
Amortization of other acquired intangible assets	20.2	15.9	60.2	38.1
Total benefits and expenses	4,892.2	4,438.1	14,888.2	12,818.7
Income before income taxes	699.4	548.0	1,724.4	1,658.2
Income taxes	250.1	200.3	617.6	607.0
Net income	\$ 449.3	\$ 347.7	\$ 1,106.8	\$ 1,051.2

⁽¹⁾ Commercial Risk includes all health care risk products, except Medicare and Medicaid.

⁽²⁾ The percentage of health care costs related to capitated arrangements (a fee arrangement where we pay providers a monthly fixed fee for each member, regardless of the medical services provided to the member) was 5.8% for both the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, respectively, compared to 7.8% and 8.1%, respectively, for the corresponding periods in 2005.

⁽³⁾ Includes salaries and related benefit expenses of \$540.4 million and \$1.6 billion for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, respectively, and \$511.6 million and \$1.6 billion, respectively, for the corresponding periods in 2005.

The table presented below reconciles operating earnings to net income reported in accordance with GAAP for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 and 2005:

Three Months Ended September 30,	Nine Months Ended September 30,
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(Millions)	2006	2005	2006	2005
Net income	\$ 449.3	\$ 347.7	\$ 1,106.8	\$ 1,051.2
Other items included in net income:				
Net realized capital gains	(2.3)	(1.2)	(1.5)	(5.0)
Physicians class action settlement insurance-related charge ⁽¹⁾			47.1	
Debt refinancing charge ⁽²⁾			8.1	
Operating earnings	\$ 447.0	\$ 346.5	\$ 1,160.5	\$ 1,046.2

⁽¹⁾ As a result of a trial court's ruling in the second quarter of 2006, we concluded that a \$72.4 million pretax receivable from third party insurers related to certain litigation we settled in 2003 was no longer probable of collection for accounting purposes. As a result, we wrote off this receivable in the second quarter of 2006. We believe this charge neither relates to the ordinary course of our business nor reflects our underlying business performance and therefore, we have excluded it from operating earnings for the nine months ended September 30, 2006.

⁽²⁾ In connection with the issuance of \$2.0 billion of our senior notes in the second quarter of 2006, we redeemed all \$700 million of our 8.5% senior notes due 2041. In connection with this redemption, we wrote off debt issuance costs associated with the 8.5% senior notes due 2041 and recognized the deferred gain from the interest rate swaps that had hedged the 8.5% senior notes due 2041 (in May 2005, we sold these interest rate swaps; the resulting gain from which was to be amortized over the remaining life of the 8.5% senior notes due 2041). As a result of the foregoing, we recorded an \$8.1 million (\$12.4 million pretax) net charge in the second quarter of 2006. We believe this charge neither relates to the ordinary course of our business nor reflects our underlying business performance and therefore, we have excluded it from operating earnings for the nine months ended September 30, 2006.

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The increase in operating earnings for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 when compared to the corresponding periods in 2005 reflects growth in premiums and fees and other revenue and improved operating expense efficiencies (total operating expenses divided by total revenue). The growth in premiums and fees and other revenue resulted from increases in membership levels (refer to Membership) (including the premiums from our new Medicare Part D product offering, effective January 1, 2006) and rate increases for renewing membership. Total operating expenses for the three months ended September 30, 2006 increased due to higher selling expenses (reflecting an increase in commissionable premiums from membership growth) and increases in general and administrative expenses due to higher employee related costs, outside services and other expenses associated with higher membership. Total operating expenses for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 also reflect the write-off of an insurance recoverable and a net charge related to our 2006 debt issuance. Despite the overall increase in operating expenses (including the other items in net income for the nine months ended September 30, 2006), our operating expense efficiency improved in 2006 when compared to 2005. Additionally, operating earnings for the three months ended September 30, 2006 reflect higher total underwriting margins due to growth in premiums (as discussed above) that outpaced growth in health care costs. For the nine months ended September 30, 2006, underwriting margins were comparable to the corresponding period in 2005, reflecting growth in premiums (as discussed above) offset by higher health care costs. Our operating earnings for the nine months ended September 30, 2005 reflect the release of approximately \$103 million pretax of reserves related to the New York Market Stabilization Pool for the nine months ended September 30, 2005. Our medical cost ratios and reserve development are discussed in the Commercial Risk and Medicare results below.

Our Commercial Risk results continued to grow for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006

Commercial Risk premiums increased approximately \$311 million and \$1.2 billion for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, respectively, when compared to the corresponding periods in 2005. These increases reflect premium rate increases on renewing business and increased membership levels.

Our Commercial Risk medical cost ratio was 78.6% for the three months ended September 30, 2006 and 2005. Health care costs reflect favorable development of prior period health care cost estimates of approximately \$33 million and \$15 million pretax for the three months ended September 30, 2006 and 2005, respectively. Refer to Critical Accounting Estimates Health Care Costs Payable below for more information on our process for establishing our Health Care Costs Payable. Excluding the favorable development of prior period health care cost estimates, the adjusted Commercial Risk medical cost ratio was 79.3% and 79.0% for the three months ended September 30, 2006 and 2005, respectively (refer to the reconciliations of Commercial Risk health care costs to adjusted Commercial Risk health care costs below). The slight increase in our Commercial Risk medical cost ratio for the third quarter 2006 reflects a percentage increase in our per member health care costs that slightly outpaced the percentage increase in per member premiums. The increase in per member health care costs was driven by increases in costs related to inpatient and outpatient services, as well as physician, pharmacy and ancillary services.

(Millions)	Three Months Ended	
	September 30, 2006	September 30, 2005
Commercial Risk health care costs (included in total health care costs above)	\$3,417.7	\$3,174.9
Approximate favorable development of prior period health care cost estimates	33.0	15.0
Adjusted Commercial Risk health care costs	\$3,450.7	\$3,189.9

Our Commercial Risk medical cost ratio was 79.7% for the nine months ended September 30, 2006, compared to 76.9% for the corresponding period in 2005. The increase in our Commercial Risk medical cost ratio in 2006 when compared to 2005 reflects lower favorable development of prior period health care cost estimates in 2006 when compared to 2005 (which included a release of approximately \$103 million pretax of reserves related to the New York Market Stabilization Pool), as well as a percentage increase in our per member health care costs that outpaced the percentage increase in per member premiums. The increase in per member health care costs in 2006 reflects an

increase in high dollar claims. Additionally, although per member premiums increased in 2006, when compared to 2005, the increase was moderated by certain observed competitive pricing behaviors of our small group customer competitors.

Table of Contents**Medicare results for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 reflect growth from the corresponding periods in 2005.**

Medicare premiums increased approximately \$217 million and \$586 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, respectively, when compared to the corresponding periods in 2005. This increase reflects increases in payments from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) and members participating in the new Medicare Part D prescription drug program which was effective January 1, 2006, as well as increased payments from both CMS and members for previously existing Medicare Advantage business due to higher membership levels. In the three months ended September 30, 2006, we also received payments from CMS representing a true-up of Medicare Advantage premium rates based on contractually specified risk adjustments. The majority of the premium true-up related to premiums earned in the six months ended June 30, 2006. Medicare premiums for the remainder of 2006 will reflect the higher risk adjusted premium rates.

The Medicare medical cost ratio for the three months ended September 30, 2006 was 80.7%, compared to 85.5% for the corresponding period in 2005. Health care costs for the third quarter of 2006 and 2005 reflect favorable development of prior period health care cost estimates of approximately \$12 million and \$9 million pretax, respectively. Excluding this development, the adjusted Medicare medical cost ratio was 83.2% and 89.1% for the three months ended September 30, 2006 and 2005, respectively (refer to the reconciliations of Medicare health care costs to adjusted Medicare health care costs below). The decrease in the adjusted Medicare medical cost ratio for the third quarter of 2006 was driven by a change in our product mix as a result of the introduction of the Medicare Prescription Drug Plan (PDP) and the premium true-up payments we received from CMS in the three months ended September 30, 2006 (discussed above).

(Millions)	Three Months Ended	
	September 30, 2006	2005
Medicare health care costs (included in total health care costs above)	\$ 378.4	\$ 215.5
Approximate favorable development of prior period health care cost estimates	12.0	9.0
Adjusted Medicare health care costs	\$ 390.4	\$ 224.5

The Medicare medical cost ratio was 85.7% for the nine months ended September 30, 2006, compared to 86.6% for the corresponding period in 2005. The decrease reflects higher reimbursement rates related to our Medicare Advantage business and a change in our product mix as a result of the introduction of the PDP.

Other Sources of Revenue

Fees and other revenue increased approximately \$67 million and \$292 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, respectively, when compared to the corresponding periods in 2005, reflecting ASC membership growth, rate increases, sales of add-on services and other revenue from our recent acquisitions.

Net investment income increased approximately \$8 million and \$31 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, respectively, when compared to the corresponding periods in 2005, due primarily to higher average yields in our investment portfolio.

Net realized capital gains for the three months ended September 30, 2006 were due primarily to gains on the sale of debt securities from rebalancing our investment portfolio and real estate gains. Net realized capital gains for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 were due primarily to gains from derivatives (refer to INVESTMENTS Risk Management and Market-Sensitive Instruments for a discussion of our use of derivatives) partially offset by losses on the sale of debt securities from rebalancing our investment portfolio. Net realized capital gains for the three months ended September 30, 2005 were due to gains on the sale of debt securities from rebalancing our investment portfolio and interest payments received related to investments previously written-down, partially offset by losses from futures contracts used for correlating the maturities of invested assets with the payment of expected liabilities. Net realized capital gains for the nine months ended September 30, 2005 were due to gains on the sale of debt securities from

rebalancing our investment portfolio and interest payments received related to investments previously written-down, as well as real estate gains.

Table of Contents**Membership**

Health Care's membership at September 30, 2006 and 2005 was as follows:

(Thousands)	Risk	2006 ASC	Total	Risk	2005 ASC	Total
Medical:						
Commercial	5,085	10,037	15,122	5,014	9,401	14,415
Medicare Advantage	124		124	102		102
Medicare Health Support Program		18	18		20	20
Medicaid	7	112	119		113	113
Total Medical Membership	5,216	10,167	15,383	5,116	9,534	14,650
Consumer-Directed Health Plans ⁽¹⁾			644			433
Dental	5,022	8,374	13,396	5,038	7,993	13,031
Pharmacy:						
Commercial			9,138			8,791
Medicare PDP (stand-alone)			319			
Medicare Advantage PDP			115			
Total Pharmacy Benefit Management Services			9,572			8,791
Mail Order ⁽²⁾			630			546
Total Pharmacy			10,202			9,337

⁽¹⁾ Represents members in consumer-directed health plans included in Commercial medical membership above.

⁽²⁾ Represents members who purchased medications through our mail order pharmacy operations during the third quarter 2006 and 2005, respectively.

Total medical and dental membership as of September 30, 2006 increased by 733 thousand and 365 thousand members, respectively, compared to September 30, 2005. The percentage of Risk and ASC medical membership was approximately 34% and 66% at September 30, 2006 and 35% and 65% at September 30, 2005, respectively.

GROUP INSURANCE

Group Insurance includes primarily group life insurance products offered on a Risk basis, including basic term group life insurance, group universal life, supplemental or voluntary programs and accidental death and dismemberment coverage. Group Insurance also includes group disability products offered on both a Risk and an ASC basis which consist primarily of short-term and long-term disability insurance (and products which combine both), as well as long-term care products, which provide benefits offered to cover the cost of care in private home settings, adult day care, assisted living or nursing facilities, primarily on a Risk basis. Additionally, as a result of the Broadspire Disability acquisition on March 31, 2006, Group Insurance includes absence management services, including short-term and long-term disability administration and leave management, to employers. In the fourth quarter of 2006,

we decided to exit the long-term care insurance market and no longer solicit or accept new long-term care customers. Over the next two to three years, we will work with our customers on an orderly transition of this business to other carriers. This decision will not have a material impact on our financial condition or results of operations.

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Table of Contents**Operating Summary for the Three and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2006 and 2005:**

(Millions)	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30, 2006	2005	September 30, 2006	2005
Premiums:				
Life	\$ 297.5	\$ 322.9	\$ 956.0	\$ 985.1
Disability	99.2	91.0	298.1	281.1
Long-term care	25.9	24.2	76.9	70.5
Total premiums	422.6	438.1	1,331.0	1,336.7
Fees and other revenue	26.9	7.8	60.1	24.3
Net investment income	69.5	78.8	219.8	216.2
Net realized capital gains	7.8	5.1	4.2	10.1
Total revenue	526.8	529.8	1,615.1	1,587.3
Current and future benefits	391.4	418.4	1,243.8	1,264.8
Operating expenses:				
Selling expenses	19.7	20.6	64.1	60.5
General and administrative expenses ⁽¹⁾	59.6	41.7	168.8	125.7
Total operating expenses	79.3	62.3	232.9	186.2
Amortization of other acquired intangible assets	1.8		3.5	
Total benefits and expenses	472.5	480.7	1,480.2	1,451.0
Income before income taxes	54.3	49.1	134.9	136.3
Income taxes	14.6	13.5	35.6	37.0
Net income	\$ 39.7	\$ 35.6	\$ 99.3	\$ 99.3

⁽¹⁾ Includes salaries and related benefit expenses of \$38.9 million and \$95.4 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, respectively, and \$25.7 million and \$80.6 million, respectively, for the corresponding periods in 2005.

The table presented below reconciles operating earnings to net income reported in accordance with GAAP for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 and 2005:

(Millions, after tax)	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30, 2006	2005	September 30, 2006	2005
Net income	\$ 39.7	\$ 35.6	\$ 99.3	\$ 99.3
Other items included in net income:				
Net realized capital gains	(5.1)	(3.3)	(2.7)	(6.6)
Acquisition-related software charge ⁽¹⁾			6.2	
Operating earnings	\$ 34.6	\$ 32.3	\$ 102.8	\$ 92.7

(1) As a result of the acquisition of Broadspire Disability in the first quarter of 2006, we acquired certain software which eliminated the need for similar software we had been developing internally. As a result, we ceased our own software development and impaired amounts previously capitalized, resulting in a \$6.2 million (\$8.3 million pretax) charge to net income, reflected in general and administrative expenses for the nine months ended September 30, 2006. This charge does not reflect the underlying business performance of Group Insurance and therefore, we have excluded it from operating earnings for the nine months ended September 30, 2006.

The increase in operating earnings for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 when compared to the corresponding periods in 2005, reflects higher fees and other revenue and a lower benefit cost ratio partially offset by higher general and administrative expenses. The operating earnings for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 also reflect increases in fees and other revenue as well as general and administrative expenses related to the March 2006 acquisition of Broadspire Disability. Our Group Insurance benefit cost ratio was 92.6% and 93.4% for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, respectively, compared to 95.5% and 94.6% for the corresponding periods in 2005. The decrease in our benefit cost ratio for the third quarter of 2006 was primarily due to a decrease in the life benefit cost ratio due to favorable experience. The decrease in our benefit cost ratio for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 was primarily due to a decrease in the disability benefit cost ratio due to favorable experience.

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Net realized capital gains for the three months ended September 30, 2006 were due primarily to real estate gains and gains on the sale of debt securities from rebalancing our investment portfolio. Net realized capital gains for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 were due primarily to real estate gains. Net realized capital gains for the three months ended September 30, 2005 were due primarily to gains on the sale of debt securities from rebalancing our investment portfolio, interest payments received related to investments previously written-down and real estate gains partially offset by losses from futures contracts used for correlating the maturities of invested assets with the payment of expected liabilities. Net realized capital gains for the nine months ended September 30, 2005 were due primarily to gains on the sale of debt securities from rebalancing our investment portfolio, interest payments received related to investments previously written-down and real estate gains.

Membership

Group Insurance s membership at September 30, 2006 and 2005 was as follows:

(Thousands)	2006	2005
Life	10,205	10,872
Disability ⁽¹⁾	4,882	2,568
Long-term care	222	235
Total	15,309	13,675

⁽¹⁾ Includes approximately 2.1 million members acquired in the Broadspire Disability acquisition on March 31, 2006. Total Group Insurance membership as of September 30, 2006 increased by 1.6 million members when compared to September 30, 2005. New membership in Group Insurance was 3.9 million for the twelve months ended September 30, 2006, and lapses and in-force membership reductions were 2.3 million for the same period, primarily reflecting new membership from the Broadspire Disability acquisition offset by lapses in several large life cases.

LARGE CASE PENSIONS

Large Case Pensions manages a variety of retirement products (including pension and annuity products) primarily for tax qualified pension plans. These products provide a variety of funding and benefit payment distribution options and other services. The Large Case Pensions segment includes certain discontinued products.

Table of Contents**Operating Summary for the Three and Nine Months Ended September 30, 2006 and 2005:**

(Millions)	Three Months		Nine Months Ended	
	Ended September 30, 2006	2005	September 30, 2006	2005
Premiums	\$ 49.9	\$ 56.1	\$ 151.5	\$ 157.7
Net investment income	124.1	124.2	383.0	393.3
Other revenue	2.9	3.0	8.6	8.5
Net realized capital gains	4.2	1.5	15.4	.8
Total revenue	181.1	184.8	558.5	560.3
Current and future benefits ⁽¹⁾	162.7	163.4	489.8	513.6
General and administrative expenses ⁽²⁾	3.4	5.1	12.6	13.3
Reduction of reserve for anticipated future losses on discontinued products			(115.4)	(66.7)
Total benefits and expenses	166.1	168.5	387.0	460.2
Income before income taxes	15.0	16.3	171.5	100.1
Income taxes ⁽¹⁾	1.7	5.7	56.5	35.0
Net income	\$ 13.3	\$ 10.6	\$ 115.0	\$ 65.1
Assets under management: ⁽³⁾				
Fully guaranteed discontinued products			\$ 4,409.8	\$ 4,485.7
Experience-rated			3,947.1	4,390.9
Non-guaranteed ⁽⁴⁾			14,358.2	11,536.4
Total assets under management			\$ 22,715.1	\$ 20,413.0

⁽¹⁾ In the third quarter of 2006, we reclassified tax credits primarily from our affordable housing partnership investments which were previously recorded in deferred tax liabilities, to a component of the reserve for

anticipated future losses on discontinued products.

(2) Includes salaries and related benefit expenses of \$3.7 million and \$10.3 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, respectively, and \$3.7 million and \$11.0 million, respectively, for the corresponding periods in 2005.

(3) Excludes net unrealized capital gains of \$220.5 million and \$424.6 million at September 30, 2006 and 2005, respectively.

(4) The increase in non-guaranteed assets under management in 2006 was due primarily to additional deposits and investment appreciation.

The table presented below reconciles operating earnings to net income reported in accordance with GAAP for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 and 2005:

**Three Months Ended
September 30,**

**Nine Months Ended
September 30,**

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(Millions)	2006	2005	2006	2005
Net income	\$ 13.3	\$ 10.6	\$ 115.0	\$ 65.1
Other items included in net income:				
Net realized capital gains	(2.7)	(1.0)	(10.0)	(.5)
Reduction of reserve for anticipated future losses on discontinued products ⁽¹⁾			(75.0)	(43.4)
Operating earnings	\$ 10.6	\$ 9.6	\$ 30.0	\$ 21.2

(1) In 1993, we discontinued the sale of our fully guaranteed large case pension products and established a reserve for anticipated future losses on these products, which we review quarterly. Changes in this reserve are recognized when deemed appropriate. In the nine months ended September 30, 2006 and 2005, we reduced the reserve for anticipated future losses on discontinued products by \$75.0 million (\$115.4 million pretax) and \$43.4 million (\$66.7 million pretax), respectively. We believe excluding any changes to the reserve for anticipated future losses on

discontinued
products
provides more
useful
information as to
our continuing
products and is
consistent with
the treatment of
the results of
operations of
these
discontinued
products, which
are
credited/charged
to the reserve
and do not affect
our results of
operations.

The increase in operating earnings for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 compared to the corresponding period in 2005 reflects an increase in net investment income in continuing products primarily due to higher income from the receipt of mortgage loan prepayment fees, equity participation income and other investments.

The reductions of the reserve for anticipated future losses on discontinued products for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 and 2005 were primarily due to favorable investment performance and favorable mortality and retirement experience compared to assumptions underlying the reserve calculation.

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General account assets supporting experience-rated products (where the contract holder, not us, assumes investment and other risks subject to, among other things, certain minimum guarantees) may be subject to contract holder or participant withdrawal. Experience-rated contract holder and participant withdrawals for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 and 2005 were as follows:

(Millions)	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
Scheduled contract maturities and benefit payments ⁽¹⁾	\$ 87.6	\$ 88.7	\$ 261.4	\$ 275.8
Contract holder withdrawals other than scheduled contract maturities and benefit payments	177.1	27.3	198.6	42.3
Participant-directed withdrawals	4.5	4.9	15.6	14.0

⁽¹⁾ Includes payments made upon contract maturity and other amounts distributed in accordance with contract schedules.

Discontinued Products

We discontinued the sale of our fully guaranteed large case pension products (single-premium annuities (SPAs) and guaranteed investment contracts) in 1993. We established a reserve for anticipated future losses on these products based on the present value of the difference between the expected cash flows from the assets supporting these products and the cash flows expected to be required to meet the product obligations.

Results of operations of discontinued products, including net realized capital gains (losses), are credited (charged) to the reserve for anticipated future losses. Our results of operations would be adversely affected to the extent that future losses on the products are greater than anticipated and favorably affected to the extent future losses are less than anticipated.

The factors contributing to changes in the reserve for anticipated future losses are: operating income or loss, realized capital gains or losses and mortality gains or losses. Operating income or loss is equal to revenue less expenses. Realized capital gains or losses reflect the excess (deficit) of sales price over (below) the carrying value of assets sold and any other-than-temporary impairments. Mortality gains or losses reflect the mortality and retirement experience related to SPAs. A mortality gain (loss) occurs when an annuitant or a beneficiary dies sooner (later) than expected. A retirement gain (loss) occurs when an annuitant retires later (earlier) than expected.

The results of discontinued products for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 and 2005 were as follows:

(Millions)	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 30,		September 30,	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
Interest deficit ⁽¹⁾	\$ (3.6)	\$ (8.4)	\$ (8.3)	\$ (6.6)
Net realized capital gains	5.2	8.0	18.5	8.0
Interest earned on receivable from continuing products	4.3	4.8	14.3	15.0
Other, net	1.5	1.7	8.7	9.8

Results of discontinued products, after tax	\$ 7.4	\$ 6.1	\$ 33.2	\$ 26.2
Results of discontinued products, pretax	\$ 8.7	\$ 7.2	\$ 42.8	\$ 33.3
Net realized capital gains from bonds, after tax (included above)	\$ 5.5	\$ 5.3	\$ 4.2	\$ 5.2

(1) The interest deficit is the difference between earnings on invested assets and interest credited to contract holders.

The interest deficit for the three months ended September 30, 2006 decreased compared to the corresponding period in 2005 primarily due to higher private equity partnership income.

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Net realized capital gains for the three months ended September 30, 2006 were due primarily to gains on the sale of debt securities from rebalancing our investment portfolio and gains on futures contracts partially offset by losses on the write-down of other investments. Net realized capital gains for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 were due primarily to real estate gains, gains on the sale of debt securities from rebalancing our investment portfolio and the sale of equity securities partially offset by losses on the write-down of other investments. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2005, net realized capital gains were due primarily to gains on the sale of debt and equity securities partially offset by losses on futures contracts.

At the time of discontinuance, a receivable from Large Case Pensions continuing products equivalent to the net present value of the anticipated cash flow shortfalls was established for the discontinued products. Interest on the receivable is accrued at the discount rate that was used to calculate the reserve. Total assets supporting discontinued products and the reserve include a receivable from continuing products of \$311 million at September 30, 2006 and \$372 million at December 31, 2005, net of related deferred taxes payable. These amounts were eliminated in consolidation.

The reserve for anticipated future losses on discontinued products represents the present value (at the risk-free rate at the time of discontinuance, consistent with the duration of the liabilities) of the difference between the expected cash flows from the assets supporting discontinued products and the cash flows expected to be required to meet the obligations of the outstanding contracts. Calculation of the reserve for anticipated future losses requires projection of both the amount and the timing of cash flows over approximately the next 30 years, including consideration of, among other things, future investment results, participant withdrawal and mortality rates, as well as the cost of asset management and customer service. Since 1993, there have been no significant changes to the assumptions underlying the calculation of the reserve related to the projection of the amount and timing of cash flows, except as noted below. The projection of future investment results considers assumptions for interest rates, bond discount rates and performance of mortgage loans and real estate. Mortgage loan cash flow assumptions represent management's best estimate of current and future levels of rent growth, vacancy and expenses based upon market conditions at each reporting date. The performance of real estate assets has been consistently estimated using the most recent forecasts available. Since 1997, a bond default assumption has been included to reflect historical default experience, since the bond portfolio increased as a percentage of the overall investment portfolio and reflected more bond credit risk, concurrent with the declines in the commercial mortgage loan and real estate portfolios.

The previous years' actual participant withdrawal experience is used for the current-year assumption. Prior to 1995, we used the 1983 Group Annuitant Mortality table published by the Society of Actuaries (the Society). In 1995, the Society published the 1994 Uninsured Pensioner's Mortality table, which we have used since then.

Our assumptions about the cost of asset management and customer service reflect actual investment and general expenses allocated over invested assets.

The activity in the reserve for anticipated future losses on discontinued products for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 was as follows (pretax):

(Millions)

Reserve for anticipated future losses on discontinued products at December 31, 2005	\$ 1,052.2
Operating income	9.2
Net realized capital gains	28.4
Mortality and other	5.2
Tax benefits ⁽¹⁾	41.6
Reserve reduction	(115.4)
Reserve for anticipated future losses on discontinued products at September 30, 2006	\$ 1,021.2

⁽¹⁾ Amount represents tax

credits primarily
from tax
advantaged
investments
which were
reclassified
within the
liabilities
supporting
discontinued
products from
deferred tax
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Management reviews the adequacy of the discontinued products reserve quarterly and, as a result, \$115 million (\$75 million after tax) and \$67 million (\$43 million after tax) of the reserve was released in the second quarter of 2006 and 2005, respectively, primarily due to favorable investment performance and favorable mortality and retirement experience compared to assumptions underlying the reserve calculation. The current reserve reflects management's best estimate of anticipated future losses.

The discontinued products investment portfolio at September 30, 2006 and December 31, 2005 was as follows:

(Millions)	September 30, 2006		December 31, 2005	
	Amount	Percent	Amount	Percent
Debt securities available for sale	\$ 2,897.0	63.4%	\$ 3,032.3	64.3%
Loaned securities	230.0	5.0	289.3	6.1
Total debt securities	3,127.0	68.4	3,321.6	70.4
Mortgage loans	641.8	14.1	644.9	13.7
Investment real estate	81.0	1.8	103.6	2.2
Equity securities available for sale	56.4	1.2	43.1	.9
Other ⁽¹⁾	662.8	14.5	603.3	12.8
Total	\$ 4,569.0	100.0%	\$ 4,716.5	100.0%

(1) Amount includes restricted debt securities on deposit as required by regulatory authorities of \$21.8 million at September 30, 2006 and \$21.3 million at December 31, 2005, included in long-term investments on the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

Distributions on discontinued products for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 and 2005 were as follows:

(Millions)	Three Months Ended September 30,		Nine Months Ended September 30,	
	2006	2005	2006	2005
Scheduled contract maturities, settlements and benefit payments	\$ 119.5	\$ 121.7	\$ 359.8	\$ 368.8

Participant-directed withdrawals	.1	.3	.1
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Cash required to fund these distributions was provided by earnings and scheduled payments on, and sales of, invested assets.

CORPORATE INTEREST

Corporate interest expense represents interest incurred on our debt and is not recorded in our business segments. After tax interest expense was \$26 million and \$70 million for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, respectively, compared to \$21 million and \$59 million, respectively, for the corresponding periods in 2005. The increase in interest expense for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, over the corresponding periods in 2005, was related to higher overall average long-term debt levels as a result of our issuance of \$2.0 billion in senior notes in June 2006 and the sale of interest rate swap agreements in 2005.

INVESTMENTS

Investments disclosed in this section relate to our total portfolio (including assets supporting discontinued products and experience-rated products).

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Total investments at September 30, 2006 and December 31, 2005 were as follows:

(Millions)	September 30, 2006			December 31, 2005		
	Current	Long-term	Total	Current	Long-term	Total
Debt securities available for sale:						
Available for use in current operations	\$ 13,127.5	\$	\$ 13,127.5	\$ 13,216.9	\$	\$ 13,216.9
Loaned securities	895.8		895.8	1,115.7		1,115.7
On deposit, as required by regulatory authorities		501.6	501.6		522.4	522.4
Debt securities available for sale	14,023.3	501.6	14,524.9	14,332.6	522.4	14,855.0
Equity securities available for sale	31.8	40.3	72.1	34.5	26.7	61.2
Short-term investments	104.0		104.0	114.8		114.8
Mortgage loans	230.6	1,381.2	1,611.8	86.7	1,460.8	1,547.5
Investment real estate		188.1	188.1	7.4	207.2	214.6
Other investments	3.5	1,139.7	1,143.2	2.7	1,113.0	1,115.7
Total investments	\$ 14,393.2	\$ 3,250.9	\$ 17,644.1	\$ 14,578.7	\$ 3,330.1	\$ 17,908.8

Debt and Equity Securities

Debt securities represented 82% and 83% at September 30, 2006 and December 31, 2005, respectively, of our total invested assets and supported the following types of products:

(Millions)	September 30, 2006	December 31, 2005
Supporting discontinued products	\$ 3,148.8	\$ 3,342.9
Supporting experience-rated products	1,674.8	1,920.8
Supporting remaining products	9,701.3	9,591.3
Total debt securities ⁽¹⁾	\$ 14,524.9	\$ 14,855.0

(1) Total debt securities include
Below
Investment
Grade Securities
of \$849 million
at September 30,
2006, and
\$967 million at
December 31,
2005, of which

23% at
September 30,
2006 and 25% at
December 31,
2005 supported
discontinued and
experience-rated
products.

Debt securities reflect net unrealized capital gains of \$293 million (comprised of gross unrealized capital gains of \$432 million and gross unrealized capital losses of \$139 million) at September 30, 2006 compared with net unrealized capital gains of \$494 million (comprised of gross unrealized capital gains of \$623 million and gross unrealized capital losses of \$129 million) at December 31, 2005. Of the net unrealized capital gains at September 30, 2006, \$159 million relate to assets supporting discontinued products and \$55 million relate to experience-rated products. Of the net unrealized capital gains at December 31, 2005, \$250 million relate to assets supporting discontinued products and \$103 million relate to experience-rated products.

Equity securities reflect gross unrealized capital gains of \$4 million at September 30, 2006 compared with gross unrealized capital gains of \$10 million at December 31, 2005.

If management believes a decline in the value of a particular investment is temporary, the decline is recorded as an unrealized loss in Shareholders' Equity. If the decline is other-than-temporary, the carrying value of the investment is written down and a realized capital loss is recorded in the Consolidated Statement of Income consistent with the guidance of FAS No. 115, *Accounting for Certain Investments in Debt and Equity Securities*, FASB Staff Position FAS 115-1 and FAS 124-1, *The Meaning of Other-Than-Temporary Impairment and its Application to Certain Investments*, and the Securities and Exchange Commission Staff Accounting Bulletin No. 59, *Accounting for Noncurrent Marketable & Equities Securities*. Our impairment analysis is discussed in more detail in MD&A INVESTMENTS in our 2005 Annual Report.

At September 30, 2006 and December 31, 2005, we had no individually material unrealized losses on debt or equity securities which could have a material impact on our results of operations.

Table of Contents**Capital Gains and Losses**

For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006, net realized capital gains were \$16 million (\$10 million after tax) and \$22 million (\$14 million after tax), respectively. For the three and nine months ended September 30, 2005, net realized capital gains were \$9 million (\$6 million after tax) and \$19 million (\$12 million after tax), respectively. There were no significant investment write downs from other-than-temporary impairments during 2006 or 2005. We had no individually material realized losses on debt or equity securities that impacted our results of operations during the three and nine months ended September 30, 2006 and 2005.

Mortgage Loans

Our mortgage loan investments, net of impairment reserves, supported the following types of products at September 30, 2006 and December 31, 2005:

(Millions)	September 30, 2006	December 31, 2005
Supporting discontinued products	\$ 641.8	\$ 644.9
Supporting experience-rated products	319.1	320.8
Supporting remaining products	650.9	581.8
Total mortgage loans	\$ 1,611.8	\$ 1,547.5

The mortgage loan portfolio balance represented 9% of our total invested assets at both September 30, 2006 and December 31, 2005. There were no material problem, restructured or potential problem loans included in mortgage loans at September 30, 2006 or December 31, 2005. There were no specific impairment reserves on these loans at September 30, 2006 or December 31, 2005.

Risk Management and Market-Sensitive Instruments

We manage interest rate risk by seeking to maintain a tight match between the durations of our assets and liabilities where appropriate while credit risk is managed by seeking to maintain high average quality ratings and diversified sector exposure within the debt securities portfolio. In connection with our investment and risk management objectives, we also use financial instruments whose market value is at least partially determined by, among other things, levels of or changes in interest rates (short-term or long-term), duration, prepayment rates, equity markets or credit ratings/spreads. Our use of these derivatives is generally limited to hedging purposes and has principally consisted of using interest rate swap agreements, warrants, forward contracts and futures contracts. These instruments, viewed separately, subject us to varying degrees of interest rate, equity price and credit risk. However, when used for hedging, we expect these instruments to reduce overall risk.

We regularly evaluate the risk of market-sensitive instruments by examining, among other things, levels of or changes in interest rates (short-term or long-term), duration, prepayment rates, equity markets or credit ratings/spreads. We also regularly evaluate the appropriateness of investments relative to our management-approved investment guidelines (and operate within those guidelines) and the business objective of the portfolios.

The risks associated with investments supporting experience-rated pension and annuity products in the Large Case Pensions business are assumed by those contract holders and not by us (subject to, among other things, certain minimum guarantees). Anticipated future losses associated with investments supporting discontinued fully guaranteed large case pension products are provided for in the reserve for anticipated future losses (refer to LARGE CASE PENSIONS Discontinued Products).

Management also reviews, on a quarterly basis, the impact of hypothetical net losses on our consolidated near-term financial position, results of operations and cash flows assuming certain reasonably possible changes in market rates and prices were to occur. Based on our overall exposure to interest rate risk and equity price risk, we believe that these changes in market rates and prices would not materially affect our consolidated near-term financial position, results of operations or cash flows as of September 30, 2006. Refer to our 2005 Annual Report for a more complete discussion

Table of Contents**LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES****Cash Flows**

Generally, we meet our operating requirements by maintaining appropriate levels of liquidity in our investment portfolio and using overall cash flows from premiums, deposits and income received on investments. We monitor the duration of our debt securities portfolio (which is highly marketable) and mortgage loans, and execute purchases and sales of these investments with the objective of having adequate funds available to satisfy our maturing liabilities. Overall cash flows are used primarily for claim and benefit payments, contract withdrawals and operating expenses. The following table for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 and 2005 details the operating cash flows of Health Care and Group Insurance separately from Large Case Pensions, as changes in Large Case Pensions insurance reserves are funded from the sale of investments, which impact cash flows from investing activities (and not operating cash flows).

(Millions)	2006	2005
Health Care and Group Insurance ⁽¹⁾	\$ 1,378.3	\$ 1,283.5
Large Case Pensions	(235.0)	(174.3)
Discontinued Operations	49.7	
Net cash provided by operating activities	\$ 1,193.0	\$ 1,109.2

⁽¹⁾ Includes corporate interest.

Cash flows provided by operating activities for Health Care and Group Insurance were approximately \$1.4 billion and \$1.3 billion for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 and 2005, respectively. Included in these amounts were payments of approximately \$245 million pretax in voluntary pension contributions in each fiscal period. The cash flows from operating activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2006 also reflect the receipt of the remaining \$50 million refund resulting from the completion of certain Internal Revenue Service audits associated with businesses previously sold by our former parent company (refer to Note 16 of Condensed Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information). The cash flows provided by operating activities for the nine months ended September 30, 2005 also include payments of approximately \$150 million pretax related to the 2003 physician class action settlement. Refer to the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for additional information.

Financings, Financing Capacity and Capitalization

In June 2006, we issued \$2.0 billion of senior notes, comprised of \$450 million of 5.75% senior notes due 2011, \$750 million of 6.0% senior notes due 2016 and \$800 million of 6.625% senior notes due 2036. The proceeds from these senior notes were used to redeem the entire \$700 million aggregate principal amount of our 8.5% senior notes due 2041 and to repay approximately \$400 million of commercial paper borrowings, outstanding since the March 1, 2006 maturity of the entire \$450 million aggregate principal amount of our 7.375% senior notes. The remainder of the net proceeds raised were used for general corporate purposes, including share repurchases. The maximum amount of commercial paper outstanding during the nine months ended September 30, 2006 was approximately \$746 million. We use short-term borrowings from time to time to address timing differences between cash receipts and disbursements. Our committed short-term borrowing capacity consists of a \$1 billion revolving credit facility which terminates in January 2011 and a one-year bridge loan facility for certain of our subsidiaries with a borrowing capacity of up to \$45 million. The \$1 billion revolving credit facility also provides for the issuance of letters of credit at our request, up to \$150 million, which count as usage of the available commitments under the facility. At September 30, 2006, there were no borrowings outstanding under our commercial paper program, and \$1.5 million was outstanding under the one-year subsidiary bridge loan facility. The \$1 billion revolving credit facility permits the aggregate commitments under the facility to be expanded to a maximum of \$1.35 billion upon our agreement with one or more financial institutions. Our total debt to capital ratio (total debt divided by total debt plus shareholders equity), was

20% at September 30, 2006. Refer to Note 10 of Condensed Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information.

Table of Contents**Common Stock Transactions**

On January 27, 2006, the Board declared a two-for-one stock split of our common stock, which was effected in the form of a 100% common stock dividend. All shareholders of record at the close of business on February 7, 2006 (the Shareholders of Record) received one additional share of common stock for each share held on that date. The additional shares of common stock were distributed to the Shareholders of Record in the form of a stock dividend on February 17, 2006. All share and per share amounts in this MD&A have been adjusted to reflect the stock split for all periods. In connection with the stock split, the Board approved an amendment to our Articles of Incorporation. This amendment increased the number of our authorized common shares to 2.9 billion shares on February 17, 2006.

On February 10, 2006, approximately 5.0 million stock appreciation rights (SARs) as well as approximately .6 million restricted stock units (RSUs) were granted to certain employees. The SARs will be settled in stock, net of taxes, based on the appreciation of our stock price over \$50.21 per share, the closing price of our common stock on February 10, 2006. The SARs will become 100% vested three years from the grant date, with one-third of the SARs vesting each year, although 1.0 million of the SARs will vest over a one-year period. For each RSU granted, employees receive one share of common stock, net of taxes, at the end of the vesting period. The RSUs will become 100% vested three years from the grant date. Refer to Note 9 of Condensed Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information on our Stock-Based Compensation Plans.

Under our share repurchase programs, approximately 52 million shares were repurchased during the nine months ended September 30, 2006. As of September 30, 2006, the capacity remaining under our share repurchase authorizations was approximately \$937 million. Refer to Note 11 of Condensed Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for more information.

On September 29, 2006, our Board declared an annual cash dividend of \$.04 per common share to shareholders of record on the close of business on November 15, 2006. The dividend will be paid on November 30, 2006. Our Board reviews our common stock dividend annually. Among the factors considered by the Board in determining the amount of each dividend are our results of operations and the capital requirements, growth and other characteristics of our businesses.

Ratings

As of October 25, 2006 the credit ratings of Aetna Inc. and Aetna Life Insurance Company (ALIC) from the respective Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organizations (Rating Agencies) were as follows:

	A.M. Best	Fitch	Moody's Investors Service	Standard & Poor's
Aetna Inc. (senior debt) ⁽¹⁾	bbb+	A-	A3	A-
Aetna Inc. (commercial paper) ⁽¹⁾	AMB-2	F2	P-2	A-2
ALIC (financial strength) ⁽¹⁾	A	AA-	Aa3	A+

⁽¹⁾ The stated outlook from all Rating Agencies for the senior debt and financial strength ratings of Aetna Inc. and ALIC, respectively, is stable.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES

We prepare our consolidated financial statements in accordance with GAAP. The application of GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect our consolidated financial statements and related notes. We use information available to us at the time the estimates are made; however, as described below, these estimates could change materially if different information or assumptions were used. Also, these estimates may not ultimately reflect the actual amounts of the final transactions that occur. The following provides a summary of our health care costs payable and other insurance liabilities estimates. For a detailed description of all of our critical accounting estimates, refer to the **CRITICAL ACCOUNTING ESTIMATES** portion of our 2005 Annual Report.

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Table of Contents**Health Care Costs Payable**

Health care costs payable reflects estimates of the ultimate cost of claims that have been incurred but not yet reported and of those which have been reported but not yet paid (collectively IBNR). At September 30, 2006 and December 31, 2005, our IBNR reserves represented approximately 80% and 79%, respectively, of total health care costs payable. The remaining amount is primarily comprised of pharmacy and capitation payables and accruals for state assessments. We develop our IBNR estimates using actuarial principles and assumptions that consider numerous factors. Of those factors, we consider the analysis of historical and projected claim payment patterns (including claims submission and processing patterns) and the assumed health care cost trend rate to be the most critical assumptions. In developing our estimate of health care costs payable, we consistently apply these actuarial principles and assumptions each period, with consideration to the variability of related factors.

We analyze historical claim payment patterns by comparing claim incurred dates (i.e., the date services were provided) to claim payment dates to estimate completion factors. We estimate completion factors by aggregating claim data based on the month of service and month of claim payment and estimating the percentage of claims incurred for a given month that are complete by each month thereafter. For any given month, substantially all claims are paid within six months of the date of service, but it can take up to 48 months or longer before all of the claims are completely resolved and paid. These historically derived completion factors are then applied to claims paid through the financial statement date to estimate the ultimate claim cost for a given month's incurred claim activity. The difference between the estimated ultimate claim cost and the claims paid through the financial statement date represents our estimate of claims remaining to be paid as of the financial statement date and is included in our health care costs payable.

We use completion factors predominantly to estimate reserves for claims with claim incurred dates greater than three months prior to the financial statement date. The completion factors we use reflect judgments and possible adjustments for such data as claim inventory levels, claim submission and processing patterns and, to a lesser extent, other factors such as changes in health care cost trend rates, changes in membership and product mix. If claims are submitted or processed on a faster (slower) pace than prior periods, the actual claims may be more (less) complete than originally estimated using our completion factors, which may result in reserves that are higher (lower) than required.

Because claims incurred within three months prior to the financial statement date have less activity (i.e., a large portion of health care claims are not submitted to us and/or processed until after the end of the quarter in which services are rendered by providers to our members), estimates of the ultimate claims incurred for these months are not based primarily on the historically derived completion factors. Rather, the estimates for these months also reflect increased emphasis on the assumed health care cost trend rate (the rate of increase in per member health care costs), which may be influenced by our historical and projected claim submission and processing times as well as seasonal patterns and changes in membership and product mix.

Our health care cost trend rate is affected by increases in per member utilization of medical services as well as increases in the per unit cost of such services. Many factors influence the health care cost trend rate, including our ability to manage health care costs through underwriting criteria, product design, negotiation of favorable provider contracts and medical management programs. The aging of the population and other demographic characteristics, advances in medical technology and other factors continue to contribute to rising per member utilization and per unit costs. Changes in health care practices, inflation, new technologies, increases in the cost of prescription drugs, direct-to-consumer marketing by pharmaceutical companies, clusters of high cost cases, changes in the regulatory environment, health care provider or member fraud and numerous other factors also contribute to the cost of health care and our health care cost trend rate.

For each reporting period, an extensive degree of judgment is used in the process of estimating our health care costs payable, and as a result, considerable variability and uncertainty is inherent in such estimates, and the adequacy of such estimates is highly sensitive to changes in assumed completion factors and the assumed health care cost trend rate. For each reporting period we recognize our best estimate of health care costs payable. We believe our estimate of health care costs payable is reasonable and adequate to cover our obligations as of September 30, 2006; however, actual claim payments may differ from our estimates. A worsening (or improvement) of our health care cost trend

rates or changes in completion factors from those that were assumed in estimating health care costs payable at September 30, 2006 would cause these estimates to change in the near term, and such a change could be material.

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Each quarter, we re-examine previously established health care costs payable estimates based on actual claim payments for prior periods and other changes in facts and circumstances. Given the extensive degree of judgment in this estimate, it is possible that our estimates of health care costs payable could develop either favorably (i.e., our actual health care costs for the period were less than we estimated) or unfavorably. We include the impact of changes in estimates in earnings when they are identified. The changes in the estimate of health care costs payable may relate to a prior fiscal quarter, prior fiscal year or earlier periods. The results of these re-examinations are also considered when we determine our current year liabilities. In the three months ended September 30, 2006, we recorded favorable development of prior period health care cost estimates of approximately \$45 million pretax (refer to MD&A HEALTH CARE for additional information).

During the three months ended September 30, 2006, we observed that our health care cost trend rates for claims with dates of service three months or less before the financial statement date were slightly lower than previously estimated, which contributed to the favorable development of prior period health care cost estimates. Specifically, after considering the claims paid in 2006 with dates of service prior to June 30, 2006, we observed health care cost trend rates that were approximately 1.4% lower than previously estimated for claims associated with combined Commercial Risk and Medicare IBNR (approximately 1% when considering all components of health care costs). The lower than anticipated health care cost trend rates we observed during the three months ended September 30, 2006 for claims incurred prior to June 30, 2006 were due to moderating outpatient, ancillary and physician service trends. Historical health care cost trend rates are not necessarily representative of current trends. Therefore, we consider historical trend rates together with our knowledge of recent events that may impact current trends when developing our estimates of current trend rates. When establishing our reserves at September 30, 2006, we decreased our assumed health care cost trend rates to account for the lower than anticipated health care cost trend rates observed during the three months ended September 30, 2006. Based on our historical claim experience, it is reasonably possible that our estimated health care cost trend rates may vary by plus or minus 4.0 percentage points from actual.

After considering the claims paid in the three months ended September 30, 2006 with dates of service prior to June 30, 2006, we observed weighted average completion factors that were consistent with those previously estimated. When establishing our reserves at September 30, 2006, the assumed weighted average completion factors were consistent with those used at June 30, 2006. Based on our historical claim experience, it is reasonably possible that our estimated weighted average completion factors may vary by plus or minus .75 percentage points from actual.

The following table illustrates the sensitivity of our health care costs payable at September 30, 2006 (in millions) to certain reasonably possible changes to the estimated weighted average completion factors and health care cost trend rates. However, it is possible that the actual completion factors and health care cost trend rates will develop differently from our historical patterns and therefore could be outside of the ranges illustrated below.

Completion Factors ⁽¹⁾		Health Care Cost Trend Rates ⁽²⁾	
(Decrease) Increase	(Decrease) Increase in	(Decrease) Increase	(Decrease) Increase in
in Factor	Health Care Costs Payable	in Factor	Health Care Costs Payable
		(4%)	\$ (109.9)
(.75%)	\$ 54.9	(3%)	(82.4)
(.5%)	36.5	(2%)	(55.0)
(.25%)	18.2	(1%)	(27.5)
.25%	(18.2)	1%	27.5
.5%	(36.4)	2%	55.0
.75%	(54.5)	3%	82.4
		4%	109.9

(1) Reflects estimated impact of a

(decrease) increase
in weighted
average completion
factors prior to the
most recent three
months.

An increase in the
completion factor
results in a
decrease in the
remaining
estimated reserves
for claims.

- (2) Reflects estimated
impact of a
(decrease) increase
in health care cost
trend rates for the
most recent three
months.

Health care costs payable as of September 30, 2006 and December 31, 2005 consisted of the following:

(Millions)	2006	2005
Commercial Risk	\$ 1,823.6	\$ 1,737.3
Medicare	129.6	79.5
Medicaid	1.3	.2
Total health care costs payable	\$ 1,954.5	\$ 1,817.0

Table of Contents*Premium Deficiency Reserves*

In cases where we project future health care costs will exceed existing reserves plus anticipated future premiums, we establish premium deficiency reserves for the amount of the expected loss in excess of expected future premiums. Anticipated investment income is considered in the calculation of expected losses for certain contracts. Any such reserves established would normally cover expected losses until the next policy renewal dates for the related policies. We did not have any material premium deficiency reserves at September 30, 2006.

Other Insurance Liabilities

We establish insurance liabilities other than health care costs payable for benefit claims related to our Group Insurance segment. We refer to these liabilities as other insurance liabilities. These liabilities relate to our life, disability and long-term care products.

Life and Disability

The liabilities for our life and disability products reflect benefit claims that have been reported but not yet paid, estimates of claims that have been incurred but not yet reported and future policy benefits earned under insurance contracts. These reserves and the related benefit expenses are developed using actuarial principles and assumptions that consider, among other things, discount, recovery and mortality rates (each discussed below). Completion factors are also evaluated when estimating our reserves for claims incurred but not yet reported for life products. We also consider the benefit payments from the U.S. Social Security Administration for which our disability members may be eligible and which may offset our liability for disability claims (known as the Social Security offset). Each period, we estimate these factors, to the extent relevant, based primarily on historical data, and use these estimates to determine the assumptions underlying our reserve calculations. Given the extensive degree of judgment and uncertainty used in developing these estimates, it is possible that our estimates could develop either favorably or unfavorably.

The discount rate is the interest rate at which future benefit cash flows are discounted to determine the present value of those cash flows. The discount rate we select is a critical estimate, as higher discount rates result in lower reserves.

We set the discount rate based on the current investment yield of the portfolio of assets supporting our life and disability reserves. If the discount rate we select in estimating our reserves is lower (higher) than our actual future portfolio returns, our reserves may be higher (lower) than necessary. Our discount rate for life and disability reserves at September 30, 2006 decreased by .22% and .03%, respectively when compared to the rates used at December 31, 2005. The discount rates we selected for disability and life reserves at September 30, 2006 were slightly lower than the rates selected at December 31, 2005 as a result of lower investment yields on the portfolio of assets supporting these reserves. Based on our historical experience, it is reasonably possible that the assumed discount rates for our life and disability reserves may vary by plus or minus .25% from year to year. A .25% decrease in the discount rates selected for our life and disability reserves would have increased current and future life and disability benefit costs by approximately \$12 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2006.

For disability claims and a portion of our life claims, we must estimate the timing of benefit payments, which takes into consideration the maximum benefit period and the probabilities of recovery (i.e., recovery rate) or death (i.e., mortality rate) of the member. Benefit payments may also be affected by a change in employment status of a disabled member, for example if the member returns to work on a part-time basis. Estimating the recovery and mortality rates of our members is complex. Our actuaries evaluate our current and historical claim patterns, the timing and amount of any Social Security offset (for disability only), as well as other factors including the relative ages of covered members and the duration of disability when developing these assumptions. For disability reserves, if our actual recovery and mortality rates are lower (higher) than our estimates, our reserves will be lower (higher) than required to cover future disability benefit payments. For certain life reserves, if the actual recovery rates are lower (higher) than our estimates or the actual mortality rates are higher (lower) than our estimates, our reserves will be lower (higher) than required to cover future life benefit payments. We use standard industry tables and our historical claim experience to develop our estimated recovery and mortality rates. Claim reserves for our disability and life claims are sensitive to these assumptions. Our historical experience has been that our recovery or mortality rates for our life and disability reserves may vary by less than one percent during the course of a year. A one percent less (more) favorable assumption for our recovery or mortality rates would have increased (decreased) current and future life and disability benefit costs by approximately \$5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2006. When establishing our reserves at

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we have adjusted our estimates of recovery and mortality rates based on our recent experience. We estimate a reserve for claims incurred but not yet reported for life products largely based on completion factors. The completion factors we use are based on our historical experience and reflect judgments and possible adjustments for data such as claim inventory levels, claim payment patterns, changes in business volume and other factors. If claims are submitted or processed on a faster (slower) pace than historical periods, the actual claims may be more (less) complete than originally estimated using our completion factors, which may result in reserves that are higher (lower) than required to cover future life benefit payments. At September 30, 2006, we held approximately \$232 million in reserves for life claims incurred but not yet reported.

Long-term Care

We establish a reserve for future policy benefits for our long-term care products at the time each policy is issued based on the present value of future benefit payments less the present value of future premiums. In establishing this reserve, we must evaluate assumptions about mortality, morbidity, lapse rates and the rate at which new claims are submitted to us. We estimate the future policy benefits reserve for long-term care products using these assumptions and actuarial principles. For long-duration insurance contracts, these original assumptions are used throughout the life of the policy and are not subsequently modified unless the reserves are deemed to be inadequate. A portion of our reserves for long-term care products also reflect our estimates relating to members currently receiving benefits. These reserves are estimated primarily using recovery and mortality rates, as described above.

Premium Deficiency Reserves

In cases where we project future policy benefit costs will exceed our existing reserves plus anticipated future premiums, we establish premium deficiency reserves for the amount of the expected loss in excess of expected future premiums. Anticipated investment income is considered in the calculation of expected losses for certain contracts. Any such reserves established would normally cover expected losses until the next policy renewal dates for the related policies. We did not have any material premium deficiency reserves at September 30, 2006.

NEW ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

Refer to Note 2 of Condensed Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for a discussion of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123 Revised, *Share-Based Payment*, which was adopted retrospectively in 2006.

REGULATORY ENVIRONMENT

Refer to *Regulatory Environment* in our 2005 Annual Report for information on regulation of our business.

FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION/RISK FACTORS

The *Forward-Looking Information/Risk Factors* portion of our 2005 Annual Report contains a discussion of important risk factors related to our business.

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Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

Refer to the information contained in MD&A INVESTMENTS.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

Disclosure Controls and Procedures

We maintain disclosure controls and procedures, which are designed to ensure that information that we are required to disclose in the reports we file or submit under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

An evaluation of the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures as of September 30, 2006 was conducted under the supervision and with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer. Based on that evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were adequate and designed to ensure that material information relating to Aetna Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries would be made known to the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer by others within those entities, particularly during the periods when periodic reports under the Exchange Act are being prepared. Refer to the Certifications by our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer filed as Exhibits 31.1 and 31.2 to this report.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There has been no change in our internal control over financial reporting, identified in connection with the evaluation of such control, that occurred during our most recent fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II OTHER INFORMATION

Item 1. Legal Proceedings

Managed Care Class Action Litigation

From 1999 through early 2003, we were involved in purported class action lawsuits as part of a wave of similar actions targeting the health care payor industry and, in particular, the conduct of business by managed care companies. These cases, brought on behalf of health care providers (the Provider Cases), alleged generally that we and other defendant managed care organizations engaged in coercive behavior or a variety of improper business practices in dealing with health care providers and conspired with one another regarding this purported wrongful conduct.

Effective May 21, 2003, we and representatives of over 900,000 physicians, state and other medical societies entered into an agreement (the Physician Settlement Agreement) settling the lead physician Provider Case, which was pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida (the Florida Federal Court). We believe that the Physician Settlement Agreement, which has received final court approval, resolved all then pending Provider Cases filed on behalf of physicians that did not opt out of the settlement. During the second quarter of 2003, we recorded a charge of \$75 million (\$115 million pretax) (included in other operating expenses) in connection with the Physician Settlement Agreement, net of an estimated insurance recoverable of \$72 million pretax. We believe our insurance policies with third party insurers apply to this matter and have been vigorously pursuing recovery from those insurers in Pennsylvania state court (the Coverage Litigation). During the second quarter of 2006, the Philadelphia, Pennsylvania state trial court issued a summary judgment ruling dismissing all of our claims in the Coverage Litigation. We have appealed that ruling and intend to continue to vigorously pursue recovery from our third party insurers. However, as a result of that ruling, we concluded that the estimated insurance recoverable of \$72 million pretax that was recorded in connection with the Physician Settlement Agreement is no longer probable of collection for accounting purposes, and therefore, during the second quarter of 2006, we wrote-off that recoverable. We continue to work with plaintiffs' representatives in implementing the Physician Settlement Agreement and the issues that may arise under that agreement.

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Several Provider Cases filed in 2003 on behalf of purported classes of chiropractors and/or all non-physician health care providers also make factual and legal allegations similar to those contained in the other Provider Cases, including allegations of violations of the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act. These Provider Cases seek various forms of relief, including unspecified damages, treble damages, punitive damages and injunctive relief. These Provider Cases have been transferred to the Florida Federal Court for consolidated pretrial proceedings. We intend to defend each of these cases vigorously.

Insurance Industry Brokerage Practices Matters

We have received subpoenas and other requests for information from the New York Attorney General, the Connecticut Attorney General, other attorneys general and various insurance and other regulators with respect to an industry wide investigation into certain insurance brokerage practices, including broker compensation arrangements, bid quoting practices and potential antitrust violations. We may receive additional subpoenas and requests for information from these attorneys general and regulators. We are cooperating with these inquiries.

In connection with this industry wide review, we have received, and may receive, additional subpoenas and requests for information from other attorneys general and other regulators, and we have been named in related litigation.

Other Litigation and Regulatory Proceedings

We are involved in numerous other lawsuits arising, for the most part, in the ordinary course of our business operations, including employment litigation and claims of bad faith, medical malpractice, non-compliance with state regulatory regimes, marketing misconduct, failure to timely pay medical claims, investment activities, patent infringement and other intellectual property litigation and other litigation in our Health Care and Group Insurance businesses. Some of these other lawsuits are or are purported to be class actions. We intend to defend these matters vigorously.

In addition, our current and past business practices are subject to review by, and from time to time we receive subpoenas and other requests for information from, various state insurance and health care regulatory authorities and other state and federal authorities. There also continues to be heightened review by regulatory authorities of the managed health care industry's business practices, including utilization management, delegated arrangements and claim payment practices. As a leading national managed care organization, we regularly are the subject of such reviews. These reviews may result, and have resulted, in changes to or clarifications of our business practices, as well as fines, penalties or other sanctions.

We are unable to predict at this time the ultimate outcome of the remaining Provider Cases, the insurance industry brokerage practices matters or other litigation and regulatory proceedings, and it is reasonably possible that their outcome could be material to us.

Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

The following table provides information about our monthly share repurchases as part of publicly announced programs for the three months ended September 30, 2006:

	Issuer Purchases Of Equity Securities			Total	Approximate
	Total	Average	Number of	Number of	Dollar
(Millions, except per share amounts)	Number of	Price	Shares	Purchased	Value of Shares
	Purchased	Paid Per		as Part of	That May Yet
		Share		Publicly	Be
				Announced	Purchased
				Plans or	Under the
				Programs	Plans or
					Programs
July 1, 2006 - July 31, 2006	1.0	\$ 31.95		1.0	\$ 1,127.9
August 1, 2006 - August 31, 2006	21.2	34.94		21.2	388.4

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September 1, 2006 - September 30, 2006	5.2	38.69	5.2	937.2
Total	27.4	\$ 35.55	27.4	N/A

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On January 27, 2006, April 28, 2006 and September 29, 2006, we announced that our Board authorized share repurchase programs for the repurchase of up to \$750 million, \$820 million and \$750 million, respectively, of common stock (\$2.3 billion in aggregate). During the third quarter of 2006, we repurchased approximately 27 million shares of common stock at a cost of \$973 million, (approximately \$59 million of these repurchase transactions were settled in early October 2006), completing the January 27, 2006 authorization and utilizing a portion of the April 28, 2006 authorization. At September 30, 2006, we had authorization to repurchase up to approximately \$937 million of common stock remaining under the April 28, 2006 and September 29, 2006 authorizations.

On January 27, 2006, the Board declared a two-for-one stock split of our common stock, which was effected in the form of a 100% common stock dividend. All shareholders of record at the close of business on February 7, 2006 (the Shareholders of Record) received one additional share of common stock for each share held on that date. The additional shares of common stock were distributed to the Shareholders of Record in the form of a stock dividend on February 17, 2006. All share and per share amounts have been adjusted to reflect the stock split for all periods. In connection with the stock split, the Board approved an amendment to our Articles of Incorporation. This amendment increased the number of our authorized common shares to 2.9 billion shares on February 17, 2006.

Item 6. Exhibits

Exhibits to this Form 10-Q are as follows:

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- 10.5 Consulting Agreement made as of October 1, 2006 between Aetna Inc. and John W. Rowe, M.D.

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- 11.1 Incorporated herein by reference to Note 4 of Condensed Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in this Form 10-Q.

12 Statements re: computation of ratios

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- 31.1 Certification.
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32 Section 1350 Certifications

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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 thereunto duly authorized.

Aetna Inc.

Registrant

Date: October 26, 2006

By /s/ Ronald M. Olejniczak

Ronald M. Olejniczak
Vice President and Controller
(Chief Accounting Officer)

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