Fourth Quarter 2011

Financial Supplement

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This document is supplemental to our fourth quarter 2011 earnings press release issued on February 1, 2012 and should be read in conjunction therewith and in conjunction with our 2011 Annual Report of Form 10-K when filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. Please direct questions with respect to this material to Tom Cowhey, Head of Investor Relations at 860-273-2402 or CowheyT@aetna.com.

Financial Highlights

		Three 1	Months	Ended December 3	31,	Year Ended December 31,						
(Millions, except per common share data)	'	2011		2010	Change		2011		2010	Change		
Operating Earnings (1)												
Business Segments:												
Health Care	\$	361.8	\$	280.4	29.0 %	\$	1,955.7	\$	1,650.1	18.5 %		
Group Insurance		27.8		20.5	35.6 %		153.0		128.0	19.5 %		
Large Case Pensions		4.3		6.4	(32.8) %		20.7		27.8	(25.5) %		
Total - Business Segments		393.9		307.3	28.2 %		2,129.4		1,805.9	17.9 %		
Corporate Financing (2)		(39.6)		(52.3)	24.3 %		(163.7)		(250.5)	34.7 %		
Aetna Inc.	\$	354.3	\$	255.0	38.9 %	\$	1,965.7	\$	1,555.4	26.4 %		
Aetna Inc. per common share	\$.97	\$.63	54.0 %	\$	5.17	\$	3.68	40.5 %		
Net Income												
Aetna Inc.	\$	372.6	\$	215.6	72.8 %	\$	1,985.7	\$	1,766.8	12.4 %		
Aetna Inc. per common share	\$	1.02	\$.53	92.5 %	\$	5.22	\$	4.18	24.9 %		
Weighted average common shares - diluted		365.8		403.3	(9.3) %		380.2		422.9	(10.1) %		
Operating Margin												
Pretax operating margin (1)		7.9	%	5.5 %	2.4 pts.		10.2	%	8.0 %	2.2 pts.		
After-tax net income margin (GAAP Measure)		4.3	%	2.5 %	1.8 pts.		5.9	%	5.2 %	.7 pts.		
Revenue by Segment (1)												
Health Care	\$	7,951.4	\$	7,871.1	1.0 %	\$	31,132.1	\$	31,442.7	(1.0) %		
Group Insurance		488.3		502.6	(2.8) %		1,981.2		2,051.2	(3.4) %		
Large Case Pensions		104.4		138.4	(24.6) %		498.6		524.6	(5.0) %		
Revenue, Excluding Net Realized Capital Gains	\$	8,544.1	\$	8,512.1	.4 %	\$	33,611.9	\$	34,018.5	(1.2) %		
Operating Expense Ratio (1)		21.5	2	21.2 0/	2 .		10.0	· ·	10.2 %	<i>.</i> .		
		21.5		21.2 %	.3 pts.		19.8		19.3 %	.5 pts.		
Business Segment Operating Expense Ratio (1)		21.4	%	21.0 %	.4 pts.		19.8	<u>%</u>	18.9 %	.9 pts.		

Health Care and Group Insurance Statistics

	Three	Months	s Ended December 31,		 	Year En	ded December 31,	
(Millions)	2011		2010	Change	 2011		2010	Change
Health Care								
Premiums								
Commercial \$	5,144.6	\$	5,199.7	(1.1) %	\$ 20,263.9	\$	20,632.2	(1.8) %
Medicare	1,384.5		1,387.4	(.2) %	5,485.0		5,896.1	(7.0) %
Medicaid	399.4		304.3	31.3 %	1,440.3		1,082.3	33.1 %
Health Care \$	6,928.5	\$	6,891.4	.5 %	\$ 27,189.2	\$	27,610.6	(1.5) %
Health Care Costs								
Commercial \$	4,063.4	\$	4,194.6	(3.1) %	\$ 15,787.9	\$	16,624.4	(5.0) %
Medicare	1,174.6		1,264.3	(7.1) %	4,608.0		5,148.3	(10.5) %
Medicaid	355.2		261.8	35.7 %	1,257.6		946.9	32.8 %
Health Care \$	5,593.2	\$	5,720.7	(2.2) %	\$ 21,653.5	\$	22,719.6	(4.7) %
Medical Benefit Ratios ("MBR")								
Commercial	79.0 %		80.7 %	(1.7) pts.	77.9 %	Ď	80.6 %	(2.7) pts
Medicare	84.8 %		91.1 %	(6.3) pts.	84.0 %	, D	87.3 %	(3.3) pts
Medicaid	88.9 %		86.0 %	2.9 pts.	87.3 %	, D	87.5 %	(.2) pts
Health Care	80.7 %		83.0 %	(2.3) pts.	79.6 %	Ď	82.3 %	(2.7) pts
Group Insurance								
Benefit ratio	85.9 %		98.4 %	(12.5) pts.	87.5 %	Ď	92.0 %	(4.5) pts
Operating Expense Ratio, Health Care - Insured Funding $^{(1)}$	13.2 %		13.6 %	(.4) pts.	12.4 %	b	12.2 %	.2 pts
	December 31,		September 30,	June 30,	March 31,		December 31,	
	2011		2011	2011	2011		2010	
Days Claims Payable	44.0		43.2	43.6	44.9		42.3	

Health Care Membership

	Dec	ember 31, 20	11	Sep	tember 30, 20	11	December 31, 2010			
(Thousands)	Insured	ASC	Total	Insured	ASC	Total	Insured	ASC	Total	
<u>Products</u>										
Medical:										
Commercial	4,758	11,868	16,626	4,757	11,804	16,561	5,015	11,809	16,824	
Medicare	398	-	398	396	-	396	435	-	435	
Medicaid	436	836	1,272	426	835	1,261	381	818	1,199	
Medicare Supplement	163	-	163	12	-	12	10	-	10	
Total Medical	5,755	12,704	18,459	5,591	12,639	18,230	5,841	12,627	18,468	
Consumer-Directed Health Plans (3)			2,387			2,399			2,184	
Date										
Dental: Commercial	4,724	7 2 4 7	12.071	4,729	7 266	12,095	4,944	7 102	12,137	
Medicare & Medicaid	194	7,347 458	12,071 652	187	7,366 466	653	4,944 177	7,193 462	639	
Network Access ⁽⁴⁾	194	438 947	947	-	899	899	-	971	971	
Total Dental	4,918	8,752	13,670	4,916	8,731	13,647	5,121	8,626	13,747	
Total Bental	1,510	0,732	13,070	1,510	0,731	13,017	3,121	0,020	13,717	
Pharmacy Benefit Management Services:										
Commercial			8,177			8,162			8,555	
Medicare PDP (stand-alone)			427			429			608	
Medicare Advantage PDP			189			188			227	
Medicaid			27			27			27	
Total Pharmacy Benefit Management Services			8,820			8,806			9,417	
Regions										
Northeast	1,847	2,628	4,475	1,805	2,619	4,424	1,839	2,709	4,548	
Southeast	1,119	2,854	3,973	1,079	2,843	3,922	1,125	2,902	4,027	
Mid-America	1,322	4,230	5,552	1,247	4,223	5,470	1,306	4,522	5,828	
West	1,190	2,263	3,453	1,187	2,262	3,449	1,286	2,356	3,642	
Other	277	729	1,006	273	692	965	285	138	423	
Total Medical	5,755	12,704	18,459	5,591	12,639	18,230	5,841	12,627	18,468	
Percent of Total	31.2%	68.8%	100.0%	30.7%	69.3%	100.0%	31.6%	68.4%	100.0%	

Statements of Net Income (Loss) by Segment

ONTH		Health		Group	Large Case			al Business	Corporate Financing ⁽²⁾		0 111	
(Millions)		Care	Ins	surance	Po	ensions	<u> </u>	egments	Fina	ancing (-)	Cor	solidated
Three Months Ended December 31, 2011 Revenue:												
Premiums	\$	6,928.5	\$	402.9	\$	36.0	\$	7,367.4	\$		\$	7,367.4
Fees and other revenue	Ф	946.3	Ф	24.2	Ф	2.9	Þ	973.4	Ф	-	Þ	973.4
Net investment income		946.3 76.6		61.2		65.5		203.3		-		203.3
										-		
Total revenue, excluding net realized capital gains (losses) (1)		7,951.4		488.3		104.4		8,544.1		-		8,544.1
Benefits and expenses:		5 502 2						5 502 2				5 502 2
Health care costs		5,593.2		246.0		- 96.6		5,593.2 442.6		-		5,593.2
Current and future benefits		-		346.0		96.6		442.0		-		442.6
Operating expenses:		255.4		22.4		_		277.8				277.8
Selling expenses		255.4								-		
General and administrative expenses		1,471.1		79.3		3.5		1,553.9		1.2		1,555.1
Total operating expenses		1,726.5		101.7		3.5		1,831.7				1,832.9
Interest expense		36.0		-		-		- 37.1		59.6		59.6
Amortization of other acquired intangible assets				1.1		100.1				-		37.1
Total benefits and expenses		7,355.7 595.7		448.8 39.5		100.1		7,904.6 639.5		(60.8)	-	7,965.4 578.7
Operating earnings (loss) before income taxes (benefits)		233.9		39.5 11.7		4.3		039.3 245.6		` /		
Income taxes (benefits) Operating earnings (loss) (1)		361.8		27.8		4.3		393.9		(21.2)	-	224.4 354.3
										(39.6)		
Net realized capital gains (losses), net of tax Net income (loss)	\$	12.9 374.7	\$	8.5 36.3	\$	(3.1)	\$	18.3 412.2	\$	(39.6)	\$	18.3 372.6
Three Months Ended December 31, 2010												
Revenue:											1 .	
Premiums	\$	6,891.4	\$	404.6	\$	33.4	\$	7,329.4	\$	-	\$	7,329.4
Fees and other revenue		874.4		26.0		3.1		903.5		-		903.5
Net investment income		105.3		72.0		101.9		279.2		-		279.2
Total revenue, excluding net realized capital gains (losses) (1)		7,871.1		502.6		138.4		8,512.1		-		8,512.1
Benefits and expenses:												
Health care costs		5,720.7		-		-		5,720.7		-		5,720.7
Current and future benefits		-		398.3		126.5		524.8		-		524.8
Operating expenses:												
Selling expenses		281.6		16.2		-		297.8		-		297.8
General and administrative expenses, excluding other items (1) (5) (6) (7)		1,421.1		67.3		3.8		1,492.2		11.3		1,503.5
Total operating expenses		1,702.7		83.5		3.8		1,790.0		11.3		1,801.3
Interest expense		-		-		-		-		69.1		69.1
Amortization of other acquired intangible assets		21.4		1.8		-		23.2		-		23.2
Total benefits and expenses		7,444.8		483.6		130.3		8,058.7		80.4		8,139.1
Operating earnings (loss) before income taxes (benefits)		426.3		19.0		8.1		453.4		(80.4)		373.0
Income taxes (benefits)		145.9		(1.5)		1.7		146.1		(28.1)	<u> </u>	118.0
Operating earnings (loss) (1)		280.4		20.5		6.4		307.3		(52.3)		255.0
Transaction-related costs, net of tax (5)		(43.1)		-		-		(43.1)		-		(43.1)
Litigation-related insurance proceeds, net of tax (6)		16.4		-		-		16.4		-		16.4
Severance and facilities charge, net of tax (7)		(30.8)		-		-		(30.8)		-		(30.8)
Net realized capital gains (losses), net of tax		21.8		4.4		(8.1)		18.1				18.1
Net income (loss)	\$	244.7	\$	24.9	\$	(1.7)	\$	267.9	\$	(52.3)	\$	215.6

Statements of Net Income (Loss) by Segment

Millions)		Health Care	Group Isurance	rge Case ensions	al Business Segments	S Corporate Financing (2)		Consolidate	
Year Ended December 31, 2011									
Revenue:									
Premiums	\$	27,189.2	\$ 1,614.8	\$ 161.0	\$ 28,965.0	\$	-	\$	28,965.0
Fees and other revenue		3,604.7	100.4	11.0	3,716.1		-		3,716.1
Net investment income		338.2	266.0	326.6	930.8		-		930.8
Total revenue, excluding net realized capital gains (1)		31,132.1	1,981.2	498.6	33,611.9		-		33,611.9
Benefits and expenses:									
Health care costs		21,653.5	-	-	21,653.5		-		21,653.5
Current and future benefits		-	1,413.4	463.1	1,876.5		-		1,876.5
Operating expenses:									
Selling expenses		1,027.6	77.2	-	1,104.8		-		1,104.8
General and administrative expenses, excluding an other item (1) (8)		5,267.8	275.6	14.3	5,557.7		4.9		5,562.6
Total operating expenses		6,295.4	352.8	14.3	6,662.5		4.9		6,667.4
Interest expense		-	-	-	-		246.9		246.9
Amortization of other acquired intangible assets		115.7	5.0	-	120.7		-		120.7
Total benefits and expenses		28,064.6	1,771.2	477.4	30,313.2		251.8		30,565.0
Operating earnings (loss) before income taxes (benefits)		3,067.5	210.0	21.2	3,298.7		(251.8)		3,046.9
Income taxes (benefits)		1,111.8	57.0	.5	1,169.3		(88.1)		1,081.2
Operating earnings (loss) (1)		1,955.7	153.0	20.7	2,129.4		(163.7)		1,965.7
Voluntary early retirement program, net of tax (8)		(89.1)	-	-	(89.1)		-		(89.1)
Net realized capital gains, net of tax		79.2	28.8	1.1	109.1		-		109.1
Net income (loss)	\$	1,945.8	\$ 181.8	\$ 21.8	\$ 2,149.4	\$	(163.7)	\$	1,985.7
Revenue: Premiums Fees and other revenue	\$	27,610.6 3,413.3	\$ 1,671.1 105.0	\$ 151.0 11.2	\$ 29,432.7 3,529.5	\$	-	\$	29,432.7 3,529.5
Net investment income		418.8	275.1	362.4	1,056.3		-		1,056.3
Total revenue, excluding net realized capital gains (1)		31,442.7	2,051.2	524.6	34,018.5		-		34,018.5
Benefits and expenses:									
Health care costs		22,719.6	-	-	22,719.6		-		22,719.6
Current and future benefits		-	1,536.6	476.8	2,013.4		-		2,013.4
Operating expenses:									
Selling expenses		1,148.4	78.2	-	1,226.6		-		1,226.6
General and administrative expenses, excluding other items (1) (5) (6) (7)		4,927.5	264.3	12.6	5,204.4		130.7		5,335.1
Total operating expenses		6,075.9	342.5	12.6	6,431.0		130.7		6,561.7
Interest expense		-	-	-	-		254.6		254.6
Amortization of other acquired intangible assets		88.3	6.9	-	95.2		-		95.2
Total benefits and expenses		28,883.8	1,886.0	489.4	31,259.2		385.3		31,644.5
Operating earnings (loss) before income taxes (benefits)		2,558.9	165.2	35.2	2,759.3		(385.3)		2,374.0
Income taxes (benefits)		908.8	37.2	7.4	953.4		(134.8)		818.6
Operating earnings (loss) (1)		1,650.1	128.0	27.8	1,805.9		(250.5)		1,555.4
Transaction-related costs, net of tax (5)		(43.1)	-	-	(43.1)		-		(43.1)
Litigation-related insurance proceeds, net of tax (6)		101.5	-	-	101.5		-		101.5
Severance and facilities charge, net of tax (7)		(30.8)	-	-	(30.8)		-		(30.8)
Net realized capital gains, net of tax		131.0	51.6	1.2	183.8		-		183.8
Net income (loss)	\$	1,808.7	\$ 179.6	\$ 29.0	\$ 2,017.3	\$	(250.5)	\$	1,766.8

Balance Sheets

			Decei	mber 31, 2011		December 31, 2010						
	He	ealth Care					He	alth Care		Ź		
	a	nd Group	L	arge Case			ar	nd Group	La	arge Case		
(Millions)	I	nsurance]	Pensions	Co	nsolidated	Iı	nsurance	F	Pensions	Co	nsolidated
Assets												
Current assets:												
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	571.6	\$	108.1	\$	679.7	\$	1,762.4	\$	105.2	\$	1,867.6
Investments		1,816.6		395.2		2,211.8		1,713.7		456.0		2,169.7
Premiums receivable, net		761.4		-		761.4		661.9		-		661.9
Other receivables, net		649.6		51.9		701.5		652.9		39.7		692.6
Accrued investment income		136.7		59.1		195.8		140.6		62.8		203.4
Collateral received under securities loan agreements		-		-		-		160.9		49.7		210.6
Income taxes receivable		152.4		9.5		161.9		214.1		(4.0)		210.1
Deferred income taxes		328.0		57.5		385.5		265.3		61.7		327.0
Other current assets		762.3		28.4		790.7		647.2		4.1		651.3
Total current assets		5,178.6		709.7		5,888.3		6,219.0		775.2		6,994.2
Long-term investments		12,533.9		5,549.3		18,083.2		11,885.9		5,660.4		17,546.3
Reinsurance recoverables		912.8		8.9		921.7		950.1		10.0		960.1
Goodwill		6,203.9		-		6,203.9		5,146.4		-		5,146.4
Other acquired intangible assets, net		958.6		-		958.6		495.5		-		495.5
Property and equipment, net		539.9		17.0		556.9		509.6		19.7		529.3
Deferred income taxes		-		-		-		(28.1)		58.0		29.9
Other long-term assets		760.6		-		760.6		742.4		-		742.4
Separate Accounts assets		-		5,218.2		5,218.2		-		5,295.3		5,295.3
Total assets	\$	27,088.3	\$	11,503.1	\$	38,591.4	\$	25,920.8	\$	11,818.6	\$	37,739.4
Liabilities and shareholders' equity												
Current liabilities:												
Health care costs payable	\$	2,675.5	\$	-	\$	2,675.5	\$	2,630.9	\$	-	\$	2,630.9
Future policy benefits		109.4		558.6		668.0		146.0		582.4		728.4
Unpaid claims		580.4		.8		581.2		592.7		.6		593.3
Unearned premiums		366.6		3.1		369.7		314.3		4.4		318.7
Policyholders' funds		1,219.4		62.2		1,281.6		867.1		51.0		918.1
Collateral payable under securities loan agreements		-		-		-		161.0		49.8		210.8
Short-term debt		425.9		-		425.9		-		-		-
Current portion of long-term debt		-		-		-		899.9		-		899.9
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities		2,441.7		73.8		2,515.5		2,328.0		108.8		2,436.8
Total current liabilities		7,818.9		698.5		8,517.4		7,939.9		797.0		8,736.9
Future policy benefits		1,730.7		4,362.1		6,092.8		1,710.7		4,565.7		6,276.4
Unpaid claims		1,505.8		-		1,505.8		1,514.3		-		1,514.3
Policyholders' funds		568.2		783.4		1,351.6		589.1		727.5		1,316.6
Long-term debt, less current portion		3,977.7		-		3,977.7		3,482.6		-		3,482.6
Deferred income taxes		203.2		3.9		207.1		-		-		-
Other long-term liabilities		1,374.0		226.6		1,600.6		1,075.4		151.1		1,226.5
Separate Accounts liabilities		-		5,218.2		5,218.2		-		5,295.3		5,295.3
Total liabilities		17,178.5		11,292.7		28,471.2		16,312.0		11,536.6		27,848.6
Shareholders' equity		9,909.8		210.4		10,120.2		9,608.8		282.0		9,890.8
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$	27,088.3	\$	11,503.1	\$	38,591.4	\$	25,920.8	\$	11,818.6	\$	37,739.4

Condensed Statements of Cash Flows

Three	Mont	hs E	nde	ed
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		December 31, 2011		December 31, 2010					
	Health Care	,		Health Care	,				
ACII.	and Group	Large Case	G 211.4.1	and Group	Large Case	G 21.4.1			
(Millions)	Insurance	Pensions	Consolidated	Insurance	Pensions	Consolidated			
Cash flows from operating activities:	\$ 371.4	\$ 1.2	\$ 372.6	\$ 217.3	\$ (1.7)	\$ 215.6			
Net income (loss)	\$ 3/1.4	\$ 1.2	\$ 3/2.0	\$ 217.5	\$ (1.7)	\$ 213.0			
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash									
provided by (used for) operating activities:	(22.1)	4.0	(20.2)	(40.2)	12.5	(27.9)			
Net realized capital (gains) losses	(33.1)	4.9	(28.2)	(40.3)	12.5	(27.8)			
Depreciation and amortization	120.8	-	120.8	131.1	- (24.2)	131.1			
Equity in earnings of affiliates, net	13.2	15.0	28.2	.8	(24.3)	(23.5)			
Stock-based compensation expense	33.7	-	33.7	24.5	-	24.5			
Amortization (accretion) of net investment premium (discount)	3.1	(.1)	3.0	(7.1)	(1.8)	(8.9)			
Changes in assets and liabilities:									
Accrued investment income	(3.0)	2.7	(.3)	2.6	1.4	4.0			
Premiums due and other receivables	175.3	(.5)	174.8	59.8	(.4)	59.4			
Income taxes	(9.9)	7.0	(2.9)	(80.3)	57.1	(23.2)			
Other assets and other liabilities	134.7	3.3	138.0	258.8	20.6	279.4			
Health care and insurance liabilities	(273.2)	(66.0)	(339.2)	.8	(60.9)	(60.1)			
Other, net	(3.0)	(3.5)	(6.5)	.7	(5.7)	(5.0)			
Net cash provided by (used for) operating activities	530.0	(36.0)	494.0	568.7	(3.2)	565.5			
Cash flows from investing activities:									
Proceeds from sales and maturities of investments	1,877.3	464.3	2,341.6	2,392.8	777.5	3,170.3			
Cost of investments purchased	(2,519.5)	(377.8)	(2,897.3)	(1,968.7)	(749.8)	(2,718.5)			
Additions to property, equipment and software	(144.8)	-	(144.8)	(71.6)	-	(71.6)			
Cash used for acquisition, net of cash acquired	(425.5)	-	(425.5)	-	-				
Net cash (used for) provided by investing activities	(1,212.5)	86.5	(1,126.0)	352.5	27.7	380.2			
Cash flows from financing activities:									
Net repayment of short-term debt	(24.0)	-	(24.0)	(235.4)	-	(235.4)			
Deposits and interest credited for investment contracts	-	1.8	1.8	-	3.5	3.5			
Withdrawals of investment contracts	-	(2.3)	(2.3)	-	(1.4)	(1.4)			
Common shares issued under benefit plans	7.6	-	7.6	31.1	-	31.1			
Stock-based compensation tax benefits	6.8	-	6.8	18.3	-	18.3			
Common shares repurchased	(585.4)	-	(585.4)	(673.6)	-	(673.6)			
Dividends paid to shareholders	(54.3)	-	(54.3)	(16.1)	-	(16.1)			
Intersegment dividend	100.0	(100.0)	· -	-	-	-			
Collateral on interest rate swaps	3.7	-	3.7	_	_	_			
Other, net	.1	(.1)	-	(2.5)	2.5	_			
Net cash (used for) provided by financing activities	(545.5)	(100.6)	(646.1)	(878.2)	4.6	(873.6)			
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(1,228.0)	(50.1)	(1,278.1)	43.0	29.1	72.1			
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	1,799.6	158.2	1,957.8	1,719.4	76.1	1,795.5			
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 571.6	\$ 108.1	\$ 679.7	\$ 1,762.4	\$ 105.2	\$ 1,867.6			

Condensed Statements of Cash Flows

Year Ended

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		Decembe	er 31, 2011				December 31, 2010					
	Health Care		01 01, 2011			Hea	alth Care	Determ	001 01, 2010			
	and Group		ge Case				d Group	La	ge Case			
(Millions)	Insurance		nsions	Cons	solidated		surance		ensions	Consolidated		
Cash flows from operating activities:	1115011111100				, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,		<u> </u>					
Net income	\$ 1,963.	.9 \$	21.8	\$	1,985.7	\$	1,737.8	\$	29.0	\$	1,766.8	
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash	Ψ 1,700.	.,	21.0	Ψ	1,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	Ψ.	1,707.0	Ψ	25.0	Ψ	1,700.0	
provided by (used for) operating activities:												
Net realized capital (gains) losses	(166.	3)	(1.6)		(167.9)		(228.7)		1.2		(227.5)	
Depreciation and amortization	447.	′	(1.0)		447.2		444.4		1.2		444.4	
Equity in earnings of affiliates, net	18.		(16.8)		1.4		13.5		(46.6)		(33.1)	
Stock-based compensation expense	141.		(10.0)		141.4		110.4		(40.0)		110.4	
	7.				1.9		(18.7)		(10.2)		(28.9)	
Amortization (accretion) of net investment premium (discount)	7.	.5	(5.6)		1.9		(16.7)		(10.2)		(28.9)	
Changes in assets and liabilities: Accrued investment income	3.	0	3.7		67		6.2		(4)		5 0	
Premiums due and other receivables	3. 15.		.8		6.7 16.4		6.2 (40.3)		(.4) 1.7		5.8	
							` ′				(38.6)	
Income taxes	146.		8.4		154.9		119.3		63.5		182.8	
Other assets and other liabilities (9)	34.		(12.5)		21.5		(288.4)		(20.9)		(309.3)	
Health care and insurance liabilities	132.		(235.4)		(103.0)		(215.2)		(243.4)		(458.6)	
Other, net	3.		(1.9)		1.6		4.6		(6.7)		(2.1)	
Net cash provided by (used for) operating activities	2,746.	.9	(239.1)		2,507.8		1,644.9		(232.8)		1,412.1	
Cash flows from investing activities:	7.000	2	0.147.0		10.045.6		0.570.0		2 205 0		11.0667	
Proceeds from sales and maturities of investments	7,898.		2,147.3		10,045.6		9,570.9		2,395.8		11,966.7	
Cost of investments purchased	(8,192.	′	(1,805.2)		(9,998.1)		(8,852.3)		(2,191.1)		(11,043.4)	
Additions to property, equipment and software	(372.	*	-		(372.0)		(288.7)		-		(288.7)	
Cash used for acquisitions, net of cash acquired	(1,555.		-		(1,555.7)		(.1)		-		(.1)	
Net cash (used for) provided by investing activities	(2,222.	.3)	342.1		(1,880.2)		429.8		204.7		634.5	
Cash flows from financing activities:												
Net repayment of long-term debt	(900.	′	-		(900.0)		-		-		-	
Net issuance of long-term debt	480.		-		480.1		697.8		-		697.8	
Net issuance (repayment) of short-term debt	425.	9	-		425.9		(480.8)		-		(480.8)	
Deposits and interest credited for investment contracts	-		5.6		5.6		-		8.0		8.0	
Withdrawals of investment contracts	-		(8.9)		(8.9)		-		(9.5)		(9.5)	
Common shares issued under benefit plans	125.		-		125.5		43.2		-		43.2	
Stock-based compensation tax benefits	38.	.5	-		38.5		22.5		-		22.5	
Common shares repurchased	(1,813.	.0)	-		(1,813.0)		(1,606.0)		-		(1,606.0)	
Dividends paid to shareholders	(167.	.2)	-		(167.2)		(16.1)		-		(16.1)	
Intersegment dividend	100.	.0	(100.0)		-		43.8		(43.8)		-	
Collateral on interest rate swaps	(2.	.0)	-		(2.0)		(41.7)		-		(41.7)	
Other, net	(3.	.2)	3.2		-		(5.3)		5.3		-	
Net cash used for financing activities	(1,715.	/	(100.1)		(1,815.5)		(1,342.6)		(40.0)		(1,382.6)	
Net (decrease) increase in cash and cash equivalents	(1,190.	.8)	2.9		(1,187.9)		732.1		(68.1)		664.0	
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	1,762.		105.2		1,867.6		1,030.3		173.3		1,203.6	
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 571.	.6 \$	108.1	\$	679.7	\$	1,762.4	\$	105.2	\$	1,867.6	

Investment Portfolio At December 31, 2011

								a	pporting Experi nd Discontinued	Products		
			Suppor	ting Non-Experie	ence-Ra	ted Products			in Large Case F	Pensions	Total Portfo	olio
		Health Care and Group		Large Case								
(Millions)		Insurance		Pensions		Total	Percent		Total	Percent	Total	Percent
Debt and equity securities:												
Debt securities:												
U.S. government securities	\$	1,288.2	\$	77.0	\$	1,365.2	8.7%	\$	194.1	3.6%	\$ 1,559.3	7.4%
States, municipalities and political subdivisions		2,663.7		6.7		2,670.4	17.1%		189.7	3.5%	2,860.1	13.6%
U.S. corporate securities		4,754.2		211.4		4,965.6	31.9%		2,208.5	41.0%	7,174.1	34.2%
Foreign securities		1,888.1		93.6		1,981.7	12.7%		873.4	16.2%	2,855.1	13.6%
Residential mortgage-backed securities		765.5		87.1		852.6	5.5%		48.2	.9%	900.8	4.3%
Commercial mortgage-backed securities		951.8		108.6		1,060.4	6.8%		327.4	6.1%	1,387.8	6.6%
Other asset-backed securities		327.5		42.4		369.9	2.4%		83.9	1.6%	453.8	2.2%
Redeemable preferred securities		73.9		10.0		83.9	.5%		78.4	1.4%	162.3	.8%
Total debt securities	-	12,712.9		636.8		13,349.7	85.6%		4,003.6	74.3%	17,353.3	82.7%
Equity securities		5.9		-		5.9	-		31.6	.6%	37.5	.2%
Total debt and equity securities		12,718.8		636.8		13,355.6	85.6%		4,035.2	74.9%	17,390.8	82.9%
Mortgage loans		1,002.6		10.5		1,013.1	6.5%		635.4	11.8%	1,648.5	7.9%
Other investments:												
Real estate		136.8		.4		137.2	.9%		68.2	1.2%	205.4	1.0%
Hedge funds		184.6		-		184.6	1.2%		283.8	5.3%	468.4	2.2%
Private equity		120.3		4.2		124.5	.8%		268.4	5.0%	392.9	1.9%
Other		187.4		1.6		189.0	1.2%		-	-	189.0	.9%
Total other investments		629.1		6.2		635.3	4.1%		620.4	11.5%	1,255.7	6.0%
Total investments		14,350.5		653.5		15,004.0	96.2%		5,291.0	98.2%	20,295.0	96.8%
Cash and cash equivalents		571.6		13.7		585.3	3.8%		94.4	1.8%	679.7	3.2%
Total investments, cash and cash equivalents	\$	14,922.1	\$	667.2	\$	15,589.3		\$	5,385.4		\$ 20,974.7	
Average credit quality		A +		A		A +			A		A	
Average duration (years) (10)		4.9		4.7		4.9			7.0		5.4	

Roll Forward of Health Care Costs Payable

	Year Ended December 31,								
(Millions)	 2011		2010						
Health care costs payable at beginning of period	\$ 2,630.9	\$	2,895.3						
Less: reinsurance recoverables	1.7		1.9						
Health care costs payable at beginning of period, net	2,629.2		2,893.4						
Acquisition of businesses	89.4		-						
Incurred health care costs:									
Current year	22,047.9		23,045.6						
Prior years *	(394.4)		(326.0)						
Total incurred health care costs	21,653.5		22,719.6						
Paid health care costs:									
Current year	19,642.9		20,588.5						
Prior years	2,057.0		2,395.3						
Total paid health care costs	21,699.9		22,983.8						
Health care costs payable at end of period, net	2,672.2		2,629.2						
Plus: reinsurance recoverables	3.3		1.7						
Health care costs payable at end of period	\$ 2,675.5	\$	2,630.9						
Health care costs payable:									
Incurred but not reported claims	\$ 2,420.4	\$	2,355.3						
Other claims	255.1		275.6						
Total health care costs payable	\$ 2,675.5	\$	2,630.9						

^{*} Negative amounts reported for incurred health care costs related to prior years result from claims being settled for less than originally estimated.

Reconciliations of Certain Reported Amounts to the Most Directly Comparable GAAP Measure

		Year Ended December						
(Millions)		2011		2010				
Operating earnings, excluding interest expense	(A) \$	2,126.2	\$	1,720.9				
Less: interest expense, net of tax		160.5		165.5				
Operating earnings (1)	(B) \$	1,965.7	\$	1,555.4				
Net Income (GAAP Measure)	(C) \$	1,985.7	\$	1,766.8				

		Year Ended December 31,							
		2011		2010					
Shareholders' equity (GAAP Measure)	\$	10,120.2	\$	9,890.8					
Less: Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(1,189.2)		(1,162.6					
Adjusted shareholders' equity	\$	11,309.4	\$	11,053.4					
Short-term debt	\$	425.9	\$	-					
Current portion of long-term debt Long-term debt, less current portion		3,977.7		899.9 3,482.6					
Total debt	\$	4,403.6	\$	4,382.5					
Average debt	(D) \$	4,393.1							
Average shareholders' equity	(E)	10,005.5							
Average adjusted shareholders' equity	(F)	11,181.4							
Return on capital (1)	(A)/(D+F)	13.7%							
Return on capital (GAAP measure)	(C)/(D+E)	13.8%							
Return on equity (1)	(B)/(F)	17.6%							
Return on equity (GAAP measure)	(C)/(E)	19.8%							

Reconciliations of Certain Reported Amounts to the Most Directly Comparable GAAP Measure

		Three Mo	<u>d</u>	Year l	Year Ended			
	Dece	ember 31,	Dece	ember 31,	December 31,		December 31,	
(Millions, except per common share data)	2011			2010	2011		2010	
Summary of Results								
Operating earnings, excluding prior-period development (11)					\$	1,833.4	\$	1,479.4
Favorable development of prior-period health care cost estimates, net of tax						132.3		76.0
Operating earnings	\$	354.3	\$	255.0		1,965.7		1,555.4
Voluntary early retirement program, net of tax (8)		-		-		(89.1)		-
Transaction-related costs, net of tax (5)		-		(43.1)		-		(43.1)
Litigation-related insurance proceeds, net of tax (6)		-		16.4		-		101.5
Severance and facilities charge, net of tax (7)		-		(30.8)		-		(30.8)
Net realized capital gains, net of tax		18.3		18.1		109.1		183.8
Net income (GAAP measure)	\$	372.6	\$	215.6	\$	1,985.7	\$	1,766.8
Weighted average common shares - diluted		365.8		403.3		380.2		422.9
Summary of Results Per Common Share								
Operating earnings, excluding prior-period development (11)					\$	4.82	\$	3.50
Favorable development of prior-period health care cost estimates, net of tax						.35		.18
Operating earnings	\$.97	\$.63		5.17		3.68
Voluntary early retirement program, net of tax (8)		-		-		(.24)		-
Transaction-related costs, net of tax (5)		_		(.11)		-		(.10)
Litigation-related insurance proceeds, net of tax (6)		-		.04		-		.24
Severance and facilities charge, net of tax (7)		-		(.07)		-		(.07)
Net realized capital gains, net of tax		.05		.04		.29		.43
Net income (GAAP measure)	\$	1.02	\$.53	\$	5.22	\$	4.18
Health Care and Group Insurance Operating Cash Flows as a Percentage of Operating Earnings								
Net cash provided by operating activities: Health Care, Group Insurance and Corporate Financing				(A)	\$	2,746.9	\$	1,644.9
Pension contribution (9)						39.0		328.3
Net cash provided by operating activities: Health Care, Group Insurance and Corporate Financing,								
excluding the pension contribution				(B)	\$	2,785.9	\$	1,973.2
Operating earnings: Health Care, Group Insurance and Corporate Financing				(C)	s	1,945.0	\$	1,527.6
Voluntary early retirement program, net of tax (8)				(0)	Ψ	(89.1)	Ψ	- 1,527.0
Transaction-related costs, net of tax (5)						(0).1)		(43.1)
Litigation-related insurance proceeds, net of tax (6)						_		101.5
Severance and facilities charge, net of tax (7)						_		(30.8)
Net realized capital gains, net of tax						108.0		182.6
Net income: Health Care, Group Insurance and Corporate Financing				(D)	\$	1,963.9	\$	1,737.8
Operating cash flow excluding the pension contribution as a percentage of operating earnings				(B)/(C)		143.2%		129.2%
Operating cash flow as a percentage of operating earnings				(A)/(C)		141.2%		107.7%
Operating cash flow as a percentage of net income				(A)/(D)		139.9%		94.7%
Operating easil now as a percentage of net income				(A)/(D)	1	137.7%		74./%

Reconciliations of Certain Reported Amounts to the Most Directly Comparable GAAP Measure (continued)

		Three Months Ended					Year Ended			
	D	ecember 31,	Dec	ember 31,	De	cember 31,	Dec	ember 31,		
(Millions)		2011		2010		2011		2010		
Health Care										
Reconciliation of Revenue										
	(Refer to reconciliation on page 13) (Y) \$	7,001.8	\$	6,990.1	\$	27,508.2	\$	28,004.4		
Revenue, excluding net realized capital gains (ASC funding)	(Iteles to reconciliation on page 15) (1) \$\psi\$	949.6	Ψ	881.0	Ψ	3,623.9	Ψ	3,438.3		
Revenue, excluding net realized capital gains		7,951.4		7,871.1		31,132.1		31,442.7		
Net realized capital gains		19.9		33.5		121.9		161.3		
Total revenue (GAAP measure)	\$	7,971.3	\$	7,904.6	\$	31,254.0	\$	31,604.0		
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Commercial Medical Benefit Ratio, Excluding Prior-Period Reserve Develop Premiums	(A) \$	5,144.6	\$	5,199.7	\$	20,263.9	\$	20,632.2		
Health care costs (GAAP measure)	(A) \$ (B) \$	4,063.4	\$ \$	4,194.6	\$	15,787.9	\$ \$	16,624.4		
Favorable development of prior-period health care cost estimates	(B) \$	86.3	Ф	4,194.0 87.3	Ф	171.2	Ф	60.2		
Health care costs, excluding prior-period development (11)			¢		Φ.		¢.			
Health Care costs, excluding prior-period development	(C) \$	4,149.7	\$	4,281.9	\$	15,959.1	\$	16,684.6		
Commercial MBR (GAAP measure)	(B)/(A)	79.0%		80.7%		77.9%		80.6%		
Commercial MBR, excluding prior-period reserve development ⁽¹¹⁾	(C)/(A)	80.7%		82.3%		78.8%		80.9%		
Medicare Medical Benefit Ratio, Excluding Prior-Period Reserve Developme	ent (II)									
Premiums	(D) \$	1,384.5	\$	1,387.4	\$	5,485.0	\$	5,896.1		
Health care costs (GAAP measure)	(E) \$	1,174.6	\$	1,264.3	\$	4,608.0	\$	5,148.3		
Favorable (unfavorable) development of prior-period health care cost estimates		7.4		-		29.0		40.2		
Health care costs, excluding prior-period development (11)	(F) \$	1,182.0	\$	1,264.3	\$	4,637.0	\$	5,188.5		
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Medicare MBR (GAAP measure)	(E)/(D)	84.8%		91.1%		84.0%		87.3%		
Medicare MBR, excluding prior-period reserve development (11)	(F)/(D)	85.4%		91.1%		84.5%		88.0%		
Medicaid Medical Benefit Ratio, Excluding Prior-Period Reserve Developme	ent ⁽¹¹⁾									
Premiums	(G) \$	399.4	\$	304.3	\$	1,440.3	\$	1,082.3		
Health care costs (GAAP measure)	(H) \$	355.2	\$	261.8	\$	1,257.6	\$	946.9		
Favorable development of prior-period health care cost estimates	. ,	4.3		16.3		7.2		17.4		
Health care costs, excluding prior-period development ⁽¹¹⁾	(I) \$	359.5	\$	278.1	\$	1,264.8	\$	964.3		
Medicaid MBR (GAAP measure) Medicaid MBR, excluding prior-period reserve development (11)	(H)/(G) (I)/(G)	88.9% 90.0%		86.0% 91.4%		87.3% 87.8%		87.5% 89.1%		

Reconciliations of Certain Reported Amounts to the Most Directly Comparable GAAP Measure (continued)

		Three Mor	d	Year Ended					
	Dec	December 31, 2011			De	cember 31,	De	cember 31,	
(Millions)						2011		2010	
Group Insurance									
Reconciliation of Revenue									
Revenue, excluding net realized capital gains	\$	488.3	\$	502.6	\$	1,981.2	\$	2,051.2	
Net realized capital gains		13.2		6.8		44.4		67.4	
Total revenue (GAAP measure)	\$	501.5	\$	509.4	\$	2,025.6	\$	2,118.6	
Large Case Pensions									
Reconciliation of Revenue									
Revenue, excluding net realized capital (losses) gains	\$	104.4	\$	138.4	\$	498.6	\$	524.6	
Net realized capital (losses) gains		(4.9)		(12.5)		1.6		(1.2)	
Total revenue (GAAP measure)	\$	99.5	\$	125.9	\$	500.2	\$	523.4	
Total Company									
Reconciliation of Revenue									
Revenue, excluding net realized capital gains	(A) \$	8,544.1	\$	8,512.1	\$	33,611.9	\$	34,018.5	
Net realized capital gains Total revenue (GAAP measure)	(B) \$	28.2 8,572.3	\$	27.8 8,539.9	\$	167.9 33,779.8	\$	227.5 34,246.0	
Reconciliation of Operating Expenses									
Operating expenses, Health Care - Insured funding	(C) \$	924.6	\$	951.9	\$	3,403.0	\$	3,412.7	
Operating expenses, Health Care - ASC funding,									
Group Insurance and Large Case Pensions		907.1		838.1		3,259.5		3,018.3	
Business segment operating expenses	(D)	1,831.7		1,790.0		6,662.5		6,431.0	
Corporate Financing segment operating expenses		1.2		11.3		4.9		130.7	
Operating expenses, including Corporate Financing	(E)	1,832.9		1,801.3		6,667.4		6,561.7	
Voluntary early retirement program (8)		· <u>-</u>		· <u>-</u>		137.0		_	
Transaction-related costs, net of tax ⁽⁵⁾		_		66.2		_		66.2	
Litigation-related insurance proceeds (6)		_		(25.3)				(156.3)	
Severance and facilities charge, net of tax (7)		_		47.4		_		47.4	
Total operating expenses (GAAP measure)	(F) \$	1,832.9	\$	1,889.6	\$	6,804.4	\$	6,519.0	
Total operating expenses (GAAP measure)	(F) \$	1,832.9	Ф	1,889.0	•	0,804.4	D	0,319.0	
Operating Expense Ratios:									
Operating expense ratio, Health Care - Insured funding (1)	(C)/(Page 12-Y)	13.2 %		13.6 %		12.4 %		12.2	
Business segment operating expense ratio (1)	(D)/(A)	21.4 %		21.0 %		19.8 %		18.9	
Operating expense ratio (1)	(E)/(A)	21.5 %		21.2 %		19.8 %		19.3	
Total operating expense ratio (GAAP measure)	(F)/(B)	21.4 %		22.1 %		20.1 %		19.0	

Reconciliations of Certain Reported Amounts to the Most Directly Comparable GAAP Measure (continued)

			Three Mo	nths Ende	ed	Year Ended				
		Dec	ember 31,	Dec	cember 31,	De	cember 31,	De	ecember 31,	
(Millions)			2011		2010		2011		2010	
Reconciliation to Income Before Income Taxes									,	
Operating earnings excluding prior-period reserve development (11) before income taxes,										
excluding interest expense, and amortization of other acquired intangible assets	(A)					\$	3,207.1	\$	2,606.0	
Favorable development of prior-period health care cost estimates							207.4		117.8	
Operating earnings before income taxes, excluding interest expense and amortization									,	
of other acquired intangible assets	(B)	\$	675.4	\$	465.3		3,414.5		2,723.8	
Interest expense			(59.6)		(69.1)		(246.9)		(254.6	
Amortization of other acquired intangible assets			(37.1)		(23.2)		(120.7)		(95.2	
Voluntary early retirement program (8)			-		-		(137.0)		-	
Transaction-related costs (5)			-		(66.2)		-		(66.2	
Litigation-related insurance proceeds (6)			-		25.3		-		156.3	
Severance and facilities charge (7)			-		(47.4)		-		(47.4	
Net realized capital gains			28.2		27.8		167.9		227.5	
Income before income taxes (GAAP measure)		\$	606.9	\$	312.5	\$	3,077.8	\$	2,644.2	
Reconciliation to Net Income										
Operating earnings excluding prior-period reserve development (11), excluding interest expense,										
and amortization of other acquired intangible assets, net of tax						\$	2,072.4	\$	1,706.8	
Favorable development of prior-period health care cost estimates, net of tax						•	132.3	-	76.0	
Operating earnings, excluding interest expense and amortization										
of other acquired intangible assets		\$	417.3	\$	315.0		2,204.7		1,782.8	
Interest expense, net of tax			(38.8)		(44.9)		(160.5)		(165.5	
Amortization of other acquired intangible assets, net of tax			(24.2)		(15.1)		(78.5)		(61.9	
Voluntary early retirement program, net of tax (8)			-		-		(89.1)		_	
Transaction-related costs, net of tax (5)			_		(43.1)		-		(43.1	
Litigation-related insurance proceeds, net of tax (6)			_		16.4		_		101.5	
Severance and facilities charge, net of tax (7)			_		(30.8)		_		(30.8	
Net realized capital gains, net of tax			18.3		18.1		109.1		183.8	
Net income (GAAP measure)	(C)	\$	372.6	\$	215.6	\$	1,985.7	\$	1,766.8	
Reconciliation of Revenue										
Revenue, excluding net realized capital gains	(D)	\$	8,544.1	\$	8,512.1	\$	33,611.9	\$	34,018.5	
Net realized capital gains	` '		28.2		27.8		167.9		227.5	
Total revenue (GAAP measure)	(E)	\$	8,572.3	\$	8,539.9	\$	33,779.8	\$	34,246.0	
Operating Margin										
Pretax operating margin, excluding prior-period development (11)	(A)/(D)						9.5	%	7.7	
Pretax operating margin (1)	(B)/(D)		7.9 %	6	5.5 %		10.2	%	8.0	
After-tax net income margin (GAAP measure)	(C)/(E)		4.3 %	6	2.5 %		5.9	%	5.2	

Footnotes

(1) In order to provide a comparison that we believe provides useful information regarding our underlying performance, from period to period, all operating earnings, operating earnings per share, return on capital, return on equity and operating expense metrics exclude from net income net realized capital gains and losses and other items, if any. See notes (5) - (8) listed below for an explanation of our other items during 2011 and 2010. In addition, operating margins exclude interest expense and amortization of other acquired intangible assets. Also, revenue excludes net realized capital gains and losses and general and administrative expenses exclude other items. The net income component of return on capital also excludes interest expense on our outstanding debt. The average shareholders' equity and average capital components of return on capital also includes our average outstanding debt. Management uses these measures to assess business performance and to make decisions regarding Aetna's operations and allocation of resources among Aetna's businesses. For a reconciliation to financial measures calculated under U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP"), refer to pages 10 - 14.

(2) The Corporate Financing segment includes interest expense on our outstanding debt and the financing components of our pension and other postretirement benefit plan expenses (herein referred to as "pension expenses"). We continue to allocate the operating component of our pension expense (i.e., the service cost and prior service cost) to our business segments. The following table depicts the components of our pension expense for the three months and year ended December 31, 2011 and 2010.

		Three Mont	hs Ended		Year Ended					
(Millions)	Decembe	r 31, 2011	Decemb	er 31, 2010	Decemb	er 31, 2011	December 31, 2010			
Pretax - Pension Expense										
Operating component (allocated to business segments) (12)	\$	(.9)	\$	17.7	\$	(3.9)	\$	48.8		
Financing component (allocated to Corporate Financing segment)		1.2		11.3		4.9		130.7		
Total pension expense - pretax	\$.3	\$	29.0	\$	1.0	\$	179.5		
After tax - Pension Expense										
Operating component (allocated to business segments) (12)	\$	(.6)	\$	11.5	\$	(2.6)	\$	31.7		
Financing component (allocated to Corporate Financing segment)		.8		7.4		3.2		85.0		
Total pension expense - after tax	\$.2	\$	18.9	\$.6	\$	116.7		

⁽³⁾ Represents members in consumer-directed health plans included in Aetna's Commercial medical membership.

Definitions

Administrative Services Contracts ("ASC") include all medical and dental products offered on an employer-funded basis. Under employer-funded plans, the plan sponsor assumes all or a majority of health care cost, utilization or other risk.

Benefit Ratios are calculated by dividing benefit costs by premiums. Various product level versions of this metric are provided and are calculated using this base formula. For example, the Total Medical Benefit Ratio is calculated by dividing health care costs by health care premiums.

Commercial includes all medical, dental and other health care products except Medicare, Medicaid and Medicare Supplement.

Days Claims Payable is calculated by dividing the health care costs payable at each quarter end by the health care costs per day in each respective quarter.

Insured includes all medical, dental and other health care products for which we assume all or a majority of health care cost, utilization or other risk.

Operating Earnings exclude net realized capital gains and losses and other items, if any, from net income.

Operating Expense Ratios are calculated by dividing operating expenses, excluding other items, if any, by revenue, excluding net realized capital gains and losses.

Other Items neither relate to the ordinary course of our business nor reflect our underlying business performance.

Pretax Operating Margins are calculated by dividing pretax operating earnings, excluding interest expense and amortization of other acquired intangible asset by revenue, excluding net realized capital gains and losses.

Insured Funding is the portion of our business where we assume all or a majority of the risk for medical and dental costs.

Selling Expenses are comprised of broker commissions, the variable component of our internal sales force compensation and premium taxes.

Balance Sheet Terms

Future Policy Benefits consist primarily of reserves for limited payment pension and annuity contracts in the Large Case Pension business and long-duration group paid-up life and long-term care insurance contracts in the Group Insurance business.

Health Care Costs Payable consist principally of unpaid fee-for-service claims, capitation costs and other amounts due to health care providers pursuant to insured arrangements.

Policyholders' Funds consist primarily of reserves for pension and annuity investment contracts in the Large Case Pension business and customer funds associated with group life and health contracts in the Health Care and Group Insurance business.

Separate Account assets and liabilities generally represent funds maintained to meet specific objectives of contract holders who bear the investment risk.

Unpaid Claims consist primarily of reserves associated with certain short-duration group disability and term life insurance contracts in the Group Insurance business.

⁽⁴⁾ Represents members in products that allow these members access to Aetna's dental provider network for a nominal fee.

⁽⁵⁾ In the fourth quarter of 2010, we recorded transaction-related costs of \$43.1 million (\$66.2 million pretax). These costs related to our Pharmacy Benefit Management Subcontract Agreement with CVS Caremark Corporation and the announced acquisition of Medicity Inc.

⁽⁶⁾ Following a Pennsylvania Supreme Court ruling in June 2009, we recorded litigation-related insurance proceeds of \$16.4 million (\$25.3 million pretax) and \$101.5 million (\$156.3 million pretax) for the three months and year ended December 31, 2010, respectively, from our liability insurers related to certain litigation we settled in 2003.

⁽⁷⁾ In the fourth quarter of 2010 we recorded severance and facilities charges of \$30.8 million (\$47.4 million pretax). The 2010 severance and facilities charges related to actions taken in 2010 or committed to be taken in 2011.

⁽⁸⁾ In July 2011, we announced a voluntary early retirement program. In connection with the voluntary early retirement program, we recorded a one-time charge of \$89.1 million (\$137.0 million pretax) during the third quarter of 2011.

⁽⁹⁾ Includes voluntary pension plan contributions of approximately \$60 million and \$505 million pretax for 2011 and 2010, respectively.

⁽¹⁰⁾ Represents the average duration of our debt securities, mortgage loans and cash and cash equivalents at December 31, 2011, excluding equity and equity-like investments that have no duration.

⁽¹¹⁾ Operating earnings, excluding prior-period development; operating earnings per share, excluding prior-period development; health care costs, excluding prior-period development; medical benefit ratios, excluding prior-period development; and pre tax operating margins, excluding prior-period development; each exclude the items identified in note (1) above, if applicable, and any significant development of prior-period health care cost estimates.

⁽¹²⁾ During 2010, we announced that pension eligible employees would no longer earn future pension service credits in our tax-qualified defined benefit pension plan effective December 31, 2010. As a result of this announcement, we recognized a curtailment gain of \$11.9 million (\$7.7 million after tax) during 2010, and we expect our future pension expense to be lower than it was during 2010.