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A.M. Best Upgrades Several Aetna Subsidiaries and Assigns Debt Ratings

Ratings Supplement

The following debt ratings have been assigned with a stable outlook:

Aetna Inc.—

-- "bbb" on \$450 million 7.375% of senior notes, due 2006

-- "bbb" on \$450 million 7.875% of senior notes, due 2011

-- "bbb" on \$700 million 8.5% of senior notes, due 2041

The following indicative ratings on shelf securities have been assigned with a stable

outlook:

Aetna Inc.—

-- "bbb" on senior debt -- "bbb-" on subordinated debt

The following debt rating has been assigned with a stable outlook:

Aetna Inc.—

-- AMB-2 on commercial paper

A financial strength rating of A (Excellent) has been assigned with a stable outlook to

Aetna Insurance Company of Connecticut.

The financial strength ratings of A- (Excellent) have been assigned with a stable outlook

to the following subsidiaries of Aetna Inc.:

- Aetna Dental of California Inc.
- Aetna Dental, Inc. (a Texas corporation)

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The financial strength ratings have been upgraded to A (Excellent) from A- (Excellent)

and assigned a stable outlook for the following subsidiaries of Aetna Inc.:

- Aetna Life Insurance Company
- Aetna Health Insurance Company of Connecticut
- Aetna Health Inc. (a Connecticut corporation)
- Aetna Health Insurance Company of New York
- Aetna Health Inc. (a New York corporation)
- Aetna Health Inc. (a Maryland corporation)
- Aetna Health Inc. (a New Jersey corporation)
- Aetna Health Inc. (a Pennsylvania corporation)
- Aetna Health of California Inc.

The financial strength ratings of A- (Excellent) have been affirmed and assigned positive

outlooks for the following subsidiaries of Aetna Inc.:

- Aetna Health Inc. (an Arizona corporation)
- Aetna Health Inc. (a Georgia corporation)

The financial strength rating of A- (Excellent) has been affirmed with a positive outlook

for Aetna Health Inc. (an Ohio corporation).

The financial strength ratings of A- (Excellent) have been affirmed with a stable outlook

for the following subsidiaries of Aetna Inc.:

- Corporate Health Insurance Company
- Aetna Health Inc. (a Colorado corporation)
- Aetna Health Inc. (a Delaware corporation)
- Aetna Health Inc. (a Florida corporation)
- Aetna Health Inc. (a Maine corporation)
- Aetna Health Inc. (a Massachusetts corporation)
- Aetna Health Inc. (a Michigan corporation)
- Aetna Health Inc. (a Missouri corporation)
- Aetna Health Inc. (an Oklahoma corporation)
- Aetna Health Inc. (a Tennessee corporation)
- Aetna Health Inc. (a Texas corporation)
- Aetna Health Inc. (a Washington corporation)
- Aetna Health of Illinois Inc.
- Aetna Health of the Carolinas Inc.



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