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#### **Excitement and Curiosity Mark Town Halls at CVS Health and Aetna**

Throngs of people attended town hall meetings in Woonsocket, RI, and Hartford, CT, this week. They came eager to learn more about an acquisition that is being described by major media outlets as having the potential to remake the health care industry.

In Rhode Island, President and CEO Larry Merlo shared with CVS Health colleagues how the addition of Aetna is a logical next step in our journey to becoming an integrated health care company. He noted that product and service innovation has been the hallmark of that journey, which started with the 2007 merger of CVS Pharmacy and Caremark. Acquiring Aetna is another opportunity to think enterprise, leverage the combined strengths of all our business, and fill an unmet need in the health care system.

Aetna has been a partner and one of our largest PBM clients since 2010. Over the years, we have explored ways to deepen that relationship, and ultimately decided that we can do more together than as partners. We've learned from past acquisitions that we can do much more to improve the consumer health experience as an integrated

entity with aligned incentives that cannot be achieved through a partnership, Larry said.

Transforming care is at the heart of the acquisition strategy, and Larry emphasized how expanding our integrated health care platform will allow us to bend the cost curve, while getting people the care they need. He noted that the current health care system is designed to meet the needs of the health care industry, not consumers. We need to meet people where they are with services and products that help them manage their health, and become part of their daily lives and routines out in the community.

On Monday, Larry joined Aetna Chairman and CEO Mark Bertolini at a town hall for Aetna associates in Hartford, CT. Mark opened the meeting saying This is an historic day and proud moment for our 164-year old company.

Explaining the strategic rationale for combining the two companies, Mark said We re focused on making it better for the member. The most expensive household budget line item is health care and [the system] is a morass of confusion. Larry told the standing-room-only crowd, Mark and I have a common vision of how we can make health care better through a new platform that will be easier to use and less expensive. I have tremendous faith in the Aetna organization and what we can do together.

When asked about the future of the Aetna brand, both leaders offered reassurances. The Aetna name will survive. It s a great brand, and will become part of the CVS family, said Mark, with Larry adding that while contractually CVS Health is obligated to keep the Aetna brand for five years, I fully expect it will be around a lot longer than that.

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In connection with the proposed transaction between CVS Health Corporation ( CVS Health ) and Aetna Inc. ( Aetna ), CVS Health and Aetna will file relevant materials with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC ), including a CVS Health registration statement on Form S-4 that will include a joint proxy statement of CVS Health and Aetna that also constitutes a prospectus of CVS Health, and a definitive joint proxy statement/prospectus will be mailed to stockholders of CVS Health and shareholders of Aetna. **INVESTORS AND SECURITY HOLDERS OF CVS HEALTH AND AETNA ARE URGED TO READ THE JOINT PROXY STATEMENT/PROSPECTUS AND OTHER DOCUMENTS THAT WILL BE FILED WITH THE SEC CAREFULLY AND IN THEIR ENTIRETY WHEN THEY BECOME AVAILABLE BECAUSE THEY WILL CONTAIN IMPORTANT INFORMATION.** Investors and security holders will be able to obtain free copies of the registration statement and the joint proxy statement/prospectus (when available) and other documents filed with the SEC by CVS Health or Aetna through the website maintained by the SEC at <http://www.sec.gov>. Copies of the documents filed with the SEC by CVS Health will be available free of charge within the Investors section of CVS Health's Web site at <http://www.cvshealth.com/investors> or by contacting CVS Health's Investor Relations Department at 800-201-0938. Copies of the documents filed with the SEC by Aetna will be available free of charge on Aetna's internet website at <http://www.Aetna.com> or by contacting Aetna's Investor Relations Department at 860-273-8204.

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