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CVS/AETNA DEAL COMPLETED

The CVS purchase of Aetna has been completed. At this time, there are still many unknowns concerning the future of Aetna as part of CVS. Be assured that, as soon as we receive any further information, we will inform you via Newsletter Extras as we have done in the past.

In the meantime, please read all you can in newspapers, magazines and other sources. In addition, we encourage you to visit our website (<u>www.aetnaretirees.com</u>) often as we will be posting pertinent articles and other tidbits of information concerning developments in the integration process.

Again, we can assure you we are working diligently to gain all the information we can concerning the newly formed CVS/Aetna. Please let us know if you have any questions you would like us to address or any specific issues you would like us to look into; we will do our best to address all inputs we receive from you.

We have included below a link to a timely and pertinent informational piece recently published. This article speaks about the CVS mission and shows its leadership team. We encourage you to access this article.

https://cvshealth.com/aetna

GROWING MEMBERSHIP IN ARA

We have recently experienced a mini-surge in new members joining ARA. We believe that has been caused, at least in part, by the CVS/Aetna deal. In the past, we have encouraged you to "get the word out" concerning the benefits of being a member of ARA. We believe that now is the right time to intensify your efforts to help grow membership. So, whenever you are meeting with other Aetna retirees, we would encourage you to discuss membership in ARA and encourage them to visit our website. You may also inform them that becoming a member of ARA is actually painless and takes only a few minutes; they may join ARA right on our website.

For your information, and to help you spread the word, we have ARA informational brochures available for you to distribute to potential members. Visit our website to view the brochure and let us know if you would like to receive some to distribute.

FINANCIAL QUESTIONS WHICH MAY ARISE CONCERNING THE NEWLY FORMED CVS/AETNA

We are aware that the consolidation of CVS/Aetna may raise certain financial and/or taxability issues with respect to investment vehicles, stocks, etc. As you are aware, ARA is not a tax or financial advisor; accordingly, we encourage you to seek advice or assistance/guidance from your financial and/or tax advisor. ARA will report to you on any financial/tax issues on a "global scale" but, as each individual's financial situation is unique to them, we cannot offer advice or guidance on personal issues.

As you communicate with a retiree, retiree group or a colleague, we encourage you to provide them with information and the benefits of joining ARA. Please refer any prospective members to our website at www.aetnaretirees.com for additional information and an application form. Further, you may encourage prospective members to contact any Board Member for additional information. If, however, a retiree or colleague does not wish to become an active member and would still like to hear what we are doing, please have them state "communications only" on the application. We will send them our communications.

CONTACT ARA!

We welcome your comments, questions, ideas and letters to the editor. See mail and website addresses on page 1.

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