



Rumors have been circulating for a couple of months that Aetna has been considering the purchase of either Cigna or Humana. Today it was announced that Aetna will be paying \$37 Billion to acquire Humana. The deal is not expected to close until over a year from now.

Group Benefits LLC has been monitoring this potential purchase, and we have been talking with representatives from both companies since the rumors first surfaced. It is expected to be business as usual for 2016 renewals and we do not see any significant short term impact as a result of this announcement. The long term impact could bolster the combined entity's negotiating ability with medical providers.

We will pass on additional information as it becomes available.

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http://www.nytimes.com/2015/07/04/business/dealbook/aetna-agrees-to-acquire-humana-for-37-billion-in-cash-and-stock.html?_r=0

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