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Tom Cowhey - Aetna Inc. - VP of IR

Good morning and thank you for joining us today. This is Tom Cowhey, Vice President of Investor Relations and Business Development for Aetna. With me this morning are Mark Bertolini, Aetna's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer; and Shawn Guertin, Aetna's Chief Financial Officer. Also joining us is Bruce Broussard, President and Chief Executive Officer of Humana.

We are here this morning to discuss details of Aetna's pending acquisition of Humana. A slide presentation summarizing the transaction is available on the investor information section of Aetna.com.

Mark will begin with an overview of the transaction and then expand on the strategic rationale. Bruce will then provide some additional perspectives on the combination, followed by Shawn, who will provide details of the strategic, operational and financial aspects of the transaction.

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After Shawn's remarks, we will hold a question-and-answer session. Karen Rohan, Aetna's President, will also join us for the question-and-answer session.

Before we begin, I would like to address some regulatory requirements. Today's presentation is neither an offering of securities nor a solicitation of a proxy vote. The information discussed today is qualified in its entirety by the registration statement and joint proxy statement that Aetna and Humana will be filing in the future, and Aetna's and Humana's shareholders are urged to read those filings carefully.

In addition, during this call both Aetna and Humana will make some forward-looking statements. Listeners are cautioned that these statements are subject to certain risks and uncertainties, many of which are difficult to predict and generally beyond the control of Aetna and Humana.

These risks and uncertainties can cause actual results to differ materially from our current expectations. Some of those risks and uncertainties are described in, and we suggest listeners review, the risk factors discussed in last Friday's press release, Aetna's slides for this call and in Aetna's and Humana's respective filings with the SEC.

Further, note that any combined metrics discussed during our call this morning reflect the combined projections of both Companies and could vary from the results and financial position of Aetna at the time of closing of the proposed acquisition, and from the pro forma financial information that will be included in the registration statement and joint proxy statement that Aetna and Humana will be filing. Also, as you know, our ability to respond to certain inquiries from investors and analysts in non-public forums is limited, so we invite you to ask all questions of a material nature on this call. I will now turn the call over to Mark Bertolini. Mark?

Mark Bertolini - Aetna Inc. - Chairman and CEO

Good morning. Thank you, Tom and thank you all for joining us today. Last Friday we announced that Aetna had entered into a definitive agreement to acquire Humana, creating one of the most dynamic platforms in managed care, poised for sustainable, long-term growth.

The acquisition will create a diversified franchise that is projected to have approximately \$115 billion in combined revenues and over \$8 billion of combined EBITDA in 2015; strengthen our ability to lead transformation of the managed care industry to a more consumer-focused marketplace; add complementary membership and capabilities in the highly competitive commercial and Medicare Advantage businesses; create a strong consumer franchise to engage and retain members, as well as improve care through the combination of two of the industry's best care management platforms; enhance our provider capabilities by combining leading provider assets; promote greater operational efficiencies that enable us to lower cost to compete with more cost effective products and create value for our customers and provider partners; and generate highly attractive short-term and long-term financial benefits for our shareholders through meaningful synergies, operating EPS accretion and improved capabilities to capture our industry's many top-line growth opportunities.

More specifically, the Humana acquisition is expected to add 14.2 million total members including 9.8 million medical members and 4.4 million stand-alone prescription drug plan members. It will create a leading commercial insured franchise nationwide with 8.7 million insured members, a leading Medicare Advantage platform with 4.4 million Medicare Advantage members and a leading provider of prescription drug plans with 5.8 million members.

It will add certain pharmacy benefit management capabilities back into our portfolio and increase our capital generation capabilities. All of these benefits are achieved through a transaction that is financially attractive for Aetna shareholders and is projected to generate excellent returns on capital.

In a few moments Shawn will discuss the transaction in greater detail, but first I will provide a high-level overview of some of the important aspects of the transaction. Aetna will acquire all of the outstanding shares of Humana for approximately \$230 per share, delivered 54% in cash and 46% in Aetna stock.

This represents a 29% premium to Humana's trading price on May 28, 2015, the last day of trading prior to speculation regarding a potential Humana transaction. As of today this results in a total transaction value of \$37 billion, including assumption of Humana debt, less parent-level cash.

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The transaction has been unanimously approved by the Boards of both Aetna and Humana and will require approval from both Aetna's and Humana's shareholders. Subject to customary approvals for a transaction of this nature, we expect the acquisition to close in the second half of 2016.

The transaction has substantial financial benefits for Aetna shareholders. Consistent with our practice following the acquisition of Coventry Healthcare, we will exclude the impact of transaction and integrated-related costs from Aetna's reported operating earnings per share.

On this basis, we expect this transaction to be neutral to 2016 operating EPS, produce mid single-digit percent operating EPS accretion in 2017 and generate low double-digit percent operating EPS accretion in 2018. This operating EPS accretion is driven primarily by our projection that we can achieve \$1.25 billion of synergies in 2018.

Let me now spend a few moments on the strategic rationale for this transformative transaction. The acquisition of Humana will advance Aetna's mission of building a healthier world.

The combination with Humana will create one of the nation's premier managed care companies. Additionally, the combination will increase Aetna's exposure to faster growing government programs, with government programs representing 56% of projected 2015 operating revenue on a combined basis.

With respect to our government businesses, we will meaningfully improve our ability to serve Medicare Advantage and Medicare PDP members, creating a leading Company in both programs based on combined membership counts. Additionally, the acquisition brings together two of the fastest-growing individual Medicare Advantage platforms and the two platforms with leading percentage of members in 4-plus star plans nationally. Together, we believe we will be very well positioned to better serve and provide improved value to our customers and continue to capture our fair share of this growing marketplace.

Following the closing of the transaction, Louisville will become the headquarters of the combined Company's Medicare, Medicaid and TRICARE businesses, and we expect to maintain the Humana brand. We recognize the strength of Humana's government franchise and value the individuals who have built this Company. This commitment to the Humana brand and Louisville is evidence of our use of a best-of-breed approach when integrating these two Companies.

The acquisition of Humana will also strengthen our efforts to be a leader in the move to a more consumer-oriented healthcare marketplace. Humana's consumer strategy and investments to date are very much aligned with Aetna's vision of the future of healthcare delivery.

We believe the acquisition provides substantial opportunities to combine these best-of-breed consumer engagement programs. The combination will create a leading consumer-centric healthcare organization with a singular vision of engaging consumers with simple tools to enable members to easily and actively manage their healthcare needs.

As you know, a key component of our growth strategy is rooted in our efforts to lead the transformation of the provider model from one of episodic care to population health management. We have organized our provider enablement assets under the Healthagen banner to create an organization focused on enabling this transformation in the marketplace. Humana is also enabling providers in their transition to a population health model through the integration of its Certify and Anvita assets under the Transcend Insights banner, as well as through MSOs, such as Transcend, MetCare and MCCI.

The acquisition of Humana will strengthen the care management capabilities we offer our customers by creating a comprehensive spectrum of provider solutions, including a robust offering of patient-centered provider services, clinical intelligence, data integration, and analytic solutions. The combination brings together two Companies with long-standing commitments to promoting wellness, health and access to high-quality healthcare for everyone, while supporting the communities in which they serve. Finally, this transformational acquisition will further enhance our ability to generate capital to invest in our growth strategy, provide new and innovative products and drive additional shareholder value.

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In summary, the acquisition of Humana aligns two great Companies and will significantly advance our strategy of being a leader in changing the future of healthcare. Humana is the ideal partner, creating a strong strategic platform that is uniquely positioned to deliver shareholder value. This combination will allow us to continue to invest in excellent service for our customers and offer providers the products and services they need to deliver high-quality care at an affordable price.

Before I turn the call over to Shawn to talk about the transaction in more detail, I would like to take a moment to welcome Bruce Broussard, President and Chief Executive Officer of Humana, and ask him to say a few words about the transaction. I have tremendous respect for Bruce and what he and his team have accomplished at Humana.

Humana's strong Medicare platform, consumer-centric approach and care management models complement our growth strategy and vision. We look forward to the combination which will accelerate our efforts to make healthcare more accessible and affordable. Bruce?

#### **Bruce Broussard** - Humana - President and CEO

Thank you, Mark. I'm very pleased to be here today with Mark and Shawn to talk about our pending transaction. Aetna is an exceptional Company with a very strong brand and management team and I'm excited that through this transaction we will create an industry-leading organization. I am proud of the Company we've built at Humana and I strongly believe that Humana can help Aetna to achieve its long-term objectives.

I have been impressed with Aetna's thoughtful approach to the ongoing transformation of the healthcare marketplace and its commitment to leading through that transformation. The combined Company will advance both organizations Y separate but aligned vision of a consumer-centric healthcare system that is both simpler and more affordable.

In addition to advancing consumer centricity, the organization will improve affordability by partnering with providers to assist in the transition to value-based payment. The transition from sick care to healthcare will be facilitated by the combination of Aetna's Healthagen assets with Humana's Transcend Insight population health management engine. The combination will create a broader improved set of provider relationships that will serve the combined Company's

customers and providers well.

I am convinced that the changing healthcare landscape will make consumer capabilities, strong local presence and operational efficiency more important than ever. Aetna will benefit from the substantial investments they have made in preparing for these changes. And adding Humana's strong consumer engagement efforts to Aetna's leading programs will reinforce these efforts.

I'm also pleased by Aetna's commitment to make Louisville the headquarters for the Medicare, Medicaid and TRICARE businesses, which represents just over half of the combined Company's projected operating revenue. I believe that Humana's employees will feel energized and motivated by Aetna's strategy and culture and will be meaningful contributors to the combined Company's future success. And with that, I'll turn the call over to Shawn.

#### Shawn Guertin - Aetna Inc. - CFO

Thank you, Bruce, and good morning, everyone. Let me start by discussing the terms of the transaction in more detail before moving into the investment highlights, the financial implications of the transaction, and our integration plans.

Pursuant to the terms of our definitive agreement, Aetna will acquire all of the outstanding shares of Humana for approximately \$230 per share, based on last Thursday's closing price. This represents a total purchase price of approximately \$37 billion, including \$3.8 billion of Humana's existing debt.

The consideration to be delivered to Humana shareholders represents approximately 54% in cash and 46% in Aetna stock. The cash component of \$125 per Humana share will be financed using a variety of sources, including new debt and commercial paper as well as cash on hand at each Company at closing. The stock component of the transaction is based on a fixed exchange ratio resulting in the issuance of 0.8375 shares of Aetna common stock per Humana share. The total purchase price represents a 29% premium to Humana's closing price on May 28, 2015, the last day Humana shares traded prior to transaction speculation.

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We believe this valuation fairly reflects the long-term strategic value and earnings power that Humana brings to the combined Company and we have confidence in Humana's near-term operating strategy. We devoted significant time to examining and evaluating the risks of Humana's business during our due diligence process.

It is worth noting that Humana's revised EPS guidance of approximately \$7.75 per share is consistent with the information we examined during our diligence. Additionally, Humana's view that their 2015 Medicare Advantage performance was appropriately captured in their 2016 bids, is also consistent with the information we examined during our diligence.

We believe this strategic acquisition is compelling and will deliver significant value to Aetna shareholders and we are pleased to have the unanimous support of both Boards of Directors for this transaction. The transaction is subject to approval by both Aetna and Humana shareholders, as well as other customary closing conditions, including the expiration of the Hart-Scott-Rodino waiting period, customary approvals of state departments of insurance, and other regulators. At this time, we expect the transaction to close in the second half of 2016.

The transaction is projected to produce excellent returns and be efficiently financed. As a result of the projected second half of 2016 close, we project the transaction to be neutral to operating earnings per share in 2016. In 2017, we expect mid single-digit percentage accretion to operating earnings per share as synergies are realized. In 2018, we project the transaction to be low double-digit percent accretive to operating earnings per share.

All of Aetna's accretion estimates are compared to an earnings baseline consistent with our long-term guidance of low double-digit operating earnings per share growth, and exclude transaction and integration-related costs in all periods. It should be noted that our operating EPS accretion estimates could vary based on the ultimate timing of the closing. Within three years of closing, we project the acquisition will generate high single-digit returns on invested capital that are in excess of our weighted-average cost of capital.

At its core, the transaction uses our conservative balance sheet and borrowing capacity to unlock the substantial synergy value. We are pleased to have been able to structure a transaction which is both strategically important and financially attractive, and a transaction that demonstrates our commitment to disciplined M&A activity.

In the aggregate, we have targeted \$1.25 billion of annual pre-tax synergies from the transaction in 2018. These synergies are driven primarily by reduced operating expenses, but also by modest provider network synergies and medical management savings. The largest portion of the synergies comes from our expected operating expense

savings and our projected results are comparable to our experience in the Coventry transaction.

Projected synergies could be up to \$250 million in 2016, depending on the timing of the close, increasing in 2017 to approximately \$750 million, before reaching \$1.25 billion in 2018. We are very confident that we will achieve this 2018 synergy goal and have already begun the process of developing our comprehensive integration plan.

Prior to closing, we expect we will incur nonrecurring transaction-related costs of approximately \$500 million pre-tax. Through 2019 we project that we will incur cumulative integration-related costs of approximately \$1 billion pre-tax. We will report all transaction and integration-related costs associated with this transaction separately, and these items will be excluded from our applicable reported operating metrics, including operating earnings and operating earnings per share.

The transaction is financed using the strength of the Aetna balance sheet. We have committed bridge financing in place for the new debt component of the consideration and plan to replace this bridge commitment with senior notes, a term loan and commercial paper prior to closing the transaction.

We currently project that the cost of the transaction debt will be approximately 3% on a pre-tax basis. We project that we will use over \$3 billion of available cash at the time of the closing to fund a portion of the purchase price.

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Upon the completion of the transaction, we currently project that Aetna's debt to total capitalization ratio will be approximately 46% and our targeted risk-based capital ratio will be between 250% and 255% of Company action level risk-based capital on an ongoing basis.

We have held discussions with the rating agencies regarding this transaction and it is our expectation that we will maintain solid investment-grade ratings with continued access to the commercial paper market. We expect that our expanded capital base will enable greater long-term financial flexibility, particularly as we apply our capital management rigor to the combined organization. Projected combined Company 2015 EBITDA exceeds \$8 billion and projected 2015 combined Company parent-level cash flows are \$3 billion before the positive impact of synergies.

We plan to lower our debt to capitalization ratio to below 40% over a 24-month period post closing. To achieve this goal, we expect to suspend share repurchases for approximately six months following the closing of the transaction and we expect that we will maintain our current shareholder dividend per share until we reach our target leverage goals.

Prior to closing, our ability to deploy capital to repurchase our shares will also be limited. Despite the impact of this temporary limitation on share repurchases in the near term, we are reaffirming our 2015 operating EPS projection of \$7.20 to \$7.40 per share based on our strong underlying performance to date in 2015.

From the standpoint of integration, we are confident in our ability to manage this with the same discipline and rigor with which we managed the Coventry integration and manage our own business. We have developed preliminary operating model scenarios, which at their core, use the best-of-breed of the talent and processes of both Companies.

Humana has built a high-quality Medicare and consumer-friendly platform that is among the best in the industry and will make our Medicare business more effective and competitive. Similarly, our capabilities will make Humana's commercial business more effective and competitive.

Humana has also developed an excellent array of care management and provider engagement models that align perfectly with our population health assets. Finally, our improved cost position will enable the combined Company to better compete with more cost-effective products for our customers.

Our experience in successfully integrating the Coventry acquisition gives us great confidence that we have the right people and processes to manage the Humana integration to a successful outcome. We are building a dedicated team

with experienced executives and operators to manage each step of the integration and have great confidence in our ability to execute our plans. We look forward to moving this process to a successful closing in the second half of 2016, so that we may begin to realize the value proposition for our customers and members and the strong returns for our shareholders.

In summary, the Humana acquisition is the culmination of months of thoughtful analysis by the management teams of both Aetna and Humana. After assessing the various strategic options, we believe this combination is the most attractive path to achieving our long-term growth strategy, offers compelling strategic benefits and creates meaningful shareholder value for both Aetna and Humana shareholders. I will now turn the call back over to Tom.

Tom Cowhey - Aetna Inc. - VP of IR

Thank you, Shawn. The Aetna and Humana management teams are now ready for your questions. We ask that you limit yourself to one question so that as many individuals as possible have an opportunity to ask their questions. Operator, the first question, please.

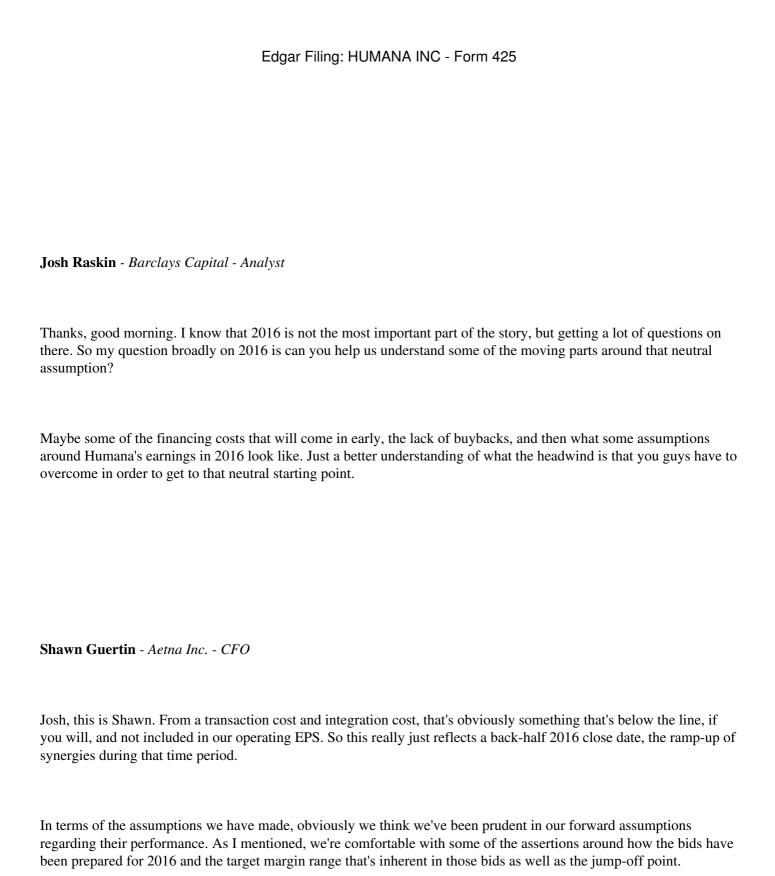
#### **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

#### **Operator**

Thank you. Our first question is coming from the line of Josh Raskin with Barclays. Please proceed with your question.

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Josh Raskin - Barclays Capital - Analyst
Maybe just a follow-up, more specifically on that. What's causing that shortfall this year? And why are you comfortable in 2016 around that 4.5% to 5% margin?
Shawn Guertin - Aetna Inc CFO
Again, it's very the shortfall is as described, I think, by Humana management earlier this year. Obviously, it has something to do with a jump-off point which was expressed through getting some less favorable prior-period development than had been anticipated. There were also some performance on the trend benders that are coming in a little less than expected.
So it's really the continuation of that. I think the fact that was identified pre the submission and one could make a positive assumption about that in terms of bid preparation, is the reason that I say that. In addition, as part of our diligence process, we had an independent third party review these and they reached the same conclusion.
Josh Raskin - Barclays Capital - Analyst
Okay, thanks.

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#### **Operator**

Thank you. The next question is coming from the line of Peter Costa with Wells Fargo. Please proceed with your question.

Peter Costa - Wells Fargo Securities, LLC - Analyst

Good morning, thank you, congratulations. Can you talk about what the break-up fees are in this transaction? With that, disclose if you would, what your assumptions are around revenues that would need to be divested from an FTC review. As well as how you considered other competing bids that might have been available, that might also trigger a break-up fee.

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Mark Bertolini - Aetna Inc. - Chairman and CEO

Peter, this is Mark. We're not going to talk about the exact divestitures from a revenue standpoint, but you can be assured that we took a conservative view of what we thought we would need to divest and included those in the transaction. And there is a healthy distance between that and any break-up fees as a result of the way we've quantified those. I'll have Shawn talk a bit about the break-up fees.

#### Shawn Guertin - Aetna Inc. - CFO

Let me make sure I put a wrapper on what Mark said, because I think at some point you can get lost if you focus too much on any one assumption in the financial model. You can expect that our accretion projections included appropriate level of conservatism around Humana's future financial performance, as Mark mentioned, an appropriate level of disruption for a deal of this size. And also a level of conservatism around the synergies that we can achieve, consistent with how we approached that on the Coventry transaction. So there's obviously more than one moving piece and I think it's important to keep all those things in mind.

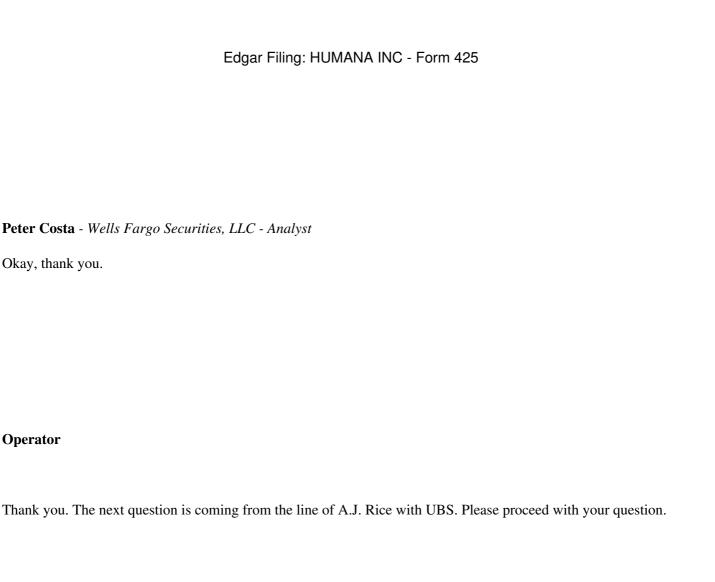
In terms of the break-up fees, there's really two of note. One would be the one that's paid if there's a superior offer for either Company or if either Board changes its recommendation. That is a symmetrical 3.75% of deal value, which would equate to around \$1.3 billion on the Humana side and \$1.7 billion on the Aetna side.

So both sides are protected in that event. And obviously we will be filing the merger agreement relatively shortly and you'll be able to see any of the additional details. But that really is the essence of it.

The other fee is a regulatory break-up fee. That would be payable, obviously, if we weren't able to close the transaction for regulatory reasons. I think it's already been reported that is \$1 billion fee. This is not uncommon for a

transaction where there's a high degree of regulatory oversight, and it's often a risk that the buyer bears in the transaction.
Obviously, this was important to Humana as well from a deal certainty perspective. And while the \$1 billion is a big number, this is a big deal. And I think that's a little less than 3% of deal value, which I think is well within market norms for this.
Peter Costa - Wells Fargo Securities, LLC - Analyst
Thank you and just a follow-up. Do you know if the FTC will consider the Aetna group business in Medicare Advantage as distinct from the Aetna retail business when it's comparing the overlap in the markets?
Shawn Guertin - Aetna Inc CFO
I think at this point I don't want to speculate on the details of the regulatory process. Obviously, we will fully participate and comply with however they want to look at this, but at this point I wouldn't speculate.
Peter Costa - Wells Fargo Securities, LLC - Analyst

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In any past deals have you seen your group business be considered separately as it perhaps should be?
Shawn Guertin - Aetna Inc CFO
Again, it's not something that I really want to speculate on. I would just say on the Coventry deal, to your question, it's really not a good comp because they didn't have much group business.
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A.J. Rice - UBS - Analyst

Hello, everybody, congratulations on the deal. To plow into the synergy target a little bit more, it sounds like it's high percentage of it is cost synergies, but there may be a little bit of revenue-related synergies around networks and so forth. Is that right? And a flesh out that a little bit more.

And I guess that you've explicitly said you're not including any PBM-related synergies. Is there any way to bracket what that might be? I think Humana has like 400 million scripts, and I don't know whether \$0.50 per script is a reasonable target, \$1 per script. And is there any information about when you might be able to rework that contract to take advantage of whatever PBM synergies there are?

Mark Bertolini - Aetna Inc. - Chairman and CEO

A.J., I would comment at the high level, have Shawn go through any details that are relevant. That we largely only count SG&A synergies and medical cost synergies that we can see with a fairly high degree of certainty.

And if you were to look back at the Coventry transaction, you'd see that kind of analysis, although we found more medical cost synergies than we otherwise would have and had less SG&A synergies because of the delay in moving systems and migrating systems, which works out well relative to this transaction. But there are no revenue synergies. There are no PBM synergies in this transaction or in these numbers at this point in time.

Shawn Guertin - Aetna Inc. - CFO

So if you look at the overall level of synergies here, it's in that 15% to 20% zone, which is pretty typical of recently-announced deals in this space. Again, as was our convention when we did Coventry, we want to provide you a level of synergies and a level of accretion that we're really confident that we can deliver. Our goal, just like on Coventry, would be to exceed that, and that's what we did. And that would be our goal here.

In terms of the specifics, you're correct. Out of the \$1.25 billion, roughly \$1 billion is operating expense. And about \$200 million is a combination of network and medical management savings.

I think if there's upside here, it would be around the med costs. \$200 million is only about 50 basis points of spend. A good deal of the network synergies that we scored are on the commercial side, where I think we have a high degree of confidence that our footprint can add value. Much like, as Mark alluded to, on Coventry, where we achieved upside on the med cost, I would think that would be upside here.

In terms of the PBM, it is something. We have a contract, obviously, with CVS as you know. This is something that
we have to work through over time. So again, I think it would be premature to speculate on the levels of synergy there.
But it certainly is something that, when we think about the long-term value, gives us some really good optionality in
the future.

A.J. Rice - UBS - Analyst

Okay, all right, thanks a lot.

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Operator
Thank you. Our next question is coming from the line of Kevin Fischbeck with Bank of America. Please proceed with your question.
Kevin Fischbeck - BofA Merrill Lynch - Analyst
Great, thanks. Just wanted to go back to the core business at Humana, because I think that most people I've talked to think this is a good deal as long as Humana's operating the way that we think that it can. So when we think about I don't know if Bruce is on the line to answer this or not but in the past when we've seen issues like from medical management not delivering the savings that they historically might have, there's usually period of investment of, okay, well, we see an issue, now we're just going to double down and spend some more money this year to make sure that we have in place what we need to, to get the costs where they need to be next year. I didn't see any of that in this year's guidance.
Really trying to understand a little bit better what exactly happened this year and what the fixes are next year. Because I'm used to re-pricing and medical management, and it sounds like it's more just re-pricing. I really want to understand exactly what has to be fixed and how the Company's thinking about fixing it for next year.

This is Bruce. Let me try to bring some context around that. First, as you look at our results and you break them apart on the bridge slide that was provided, you look at -- our operating performance is really about 865 when you take out the prior-period development, the sale of Concentra, the change in the three Rs and the share repurchasing. So when you think about the performance of the business on a current-year basis, it's performing in a reasonable fashion.

When we look at the business overall, we are seeing some differences in the MA side while over-performance in the healthcare services side. Specifically in the MA area, we are seeing a little bit of pressure, not so much that the inpatient admissions are higher than last year, they just have not come down as quickly as we forecasted in our bids.

And so as we think about 2016, we realize that, in fact on our first quarter earnings call we advised the shareholders that we were starting to see that, and we revised our Medicare bids to reflect that. And as Shawn indicated, we have incorporated all that in and more as we think about going into 2016.

#### Shawn Guertin - Aetna Inc. - CFO

Kevin, I would just add that I think the read-through that there isn't a significant amount of medical management activity is just not the right read-through. That was just more perhaps the words I chose in the explanation. So 2016 is a year that's not only premised on the re-pricing, but I know from diligence there is a substantial amount of effort going into various medical management type programs, as there always has been, but that is a substantial component of 2016.

Kevin Fischbeck - BofA Merrill Lynch - Analyst

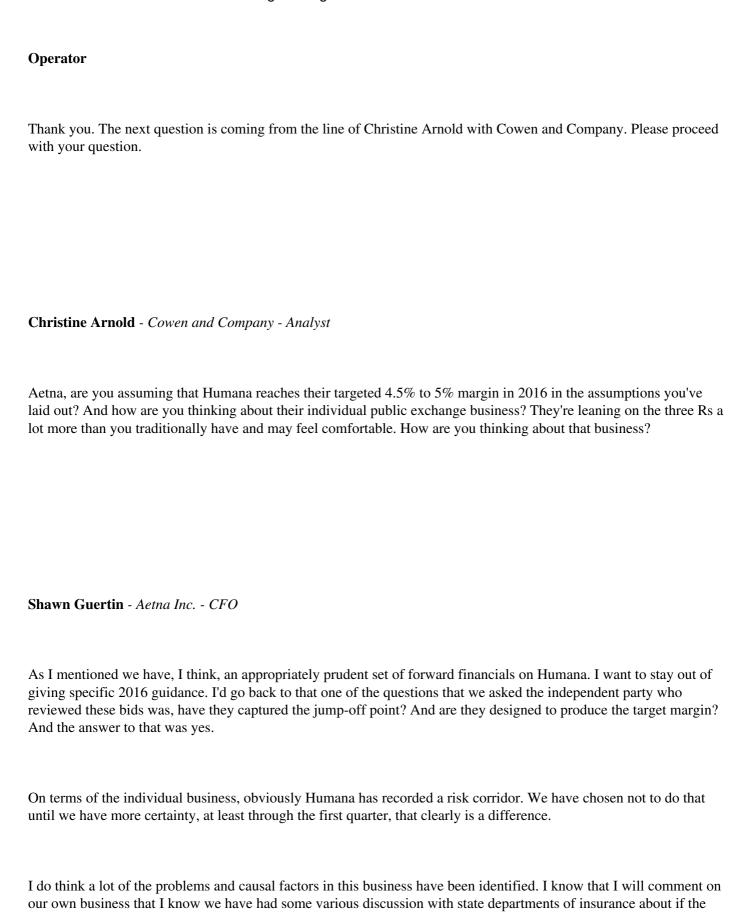
Okay, and then a follow-up then on that would be if part of the shortfall on the admission side this year appears to be related to the fact that you didn't get the same bang for your buck on some of the trend benders as you mentioned on

your low-acuity patients. If you didn't get quite what you were looking for this year, how comfortable are you that
you'll get what you're looking for next year? How different is what you're doing next year versus what you were doing
for this year? Thanks.

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Bruce Broussard - Humana - President and CEO
I would say we are seeing the improvement during even this quarter. And so as we think about next year, we are of very confident in what we have projected in both our pricing, but also in our trend benders.
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Shawn Guertin - Aetna Inc CFO
Obviously, Kevin, there was a level of comfort that we got to as a result of the independent review. The other thing I would say, we've talked about this as part of various aspects of the Aetna business, there's always an element to these medical management initiatives where you have to not only score the initiative correctly but also identify the pace as to which it's going to kick in full throttle.
So a lot of times these things end up ultimately reaching the level you thought, it just takes longer to get there. I think in some cases here, that is probably going to be the case.
<b>Kevin Fischbeck</b> - BofA Merrill Lynch - Analyst  Thanks.
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three Rs, particularly risk adjustment came in differently, that we'd have the ability to potentially look at rates again. So I know on our book that's something that we're certainly exploring.

And then I could say last, I think there will be another bite at the apple here in terms of pricing cycles likely before this closes. And pricing decisions, market participation, all those things, will be made at that time. But again, it's something that obviously we're going to watch and monitor closely, frankly, on our book as well. But something that we ultimately did get comfortable with.

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