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Compelling Strategic Rationale

Compelling Strategic Combination COMPELLING STRATEGIC RATIONALE Highly diversified, strong and stable cash flows Creates a leading health care platform with unmatched suite of services Improved quality of care through enhanced data integration / predictive analytics High-touch connectivity to consumers as go-to local health care access point Drives efficiencies and lower cost of care through an integrated model Significant synergy potential of \$750M in 2nd full year; greater long-term opportunity Low- to mid-single digit accretion expected in 2nd full year; no meaningful impact in year one CVS Health + Aetna: the best value creation opportunity for our shareholders

CVS Health-Aetna Combination Will Help Address U.S. Health Care System Challenges COMPELLING STRATEGIC RATIONALE Growth in Health Care Expenditures Increasing Health Care Consumerism Movement To Value-Based Care Integrating medical and pharmacy benefits with consumer touchpoints to improve outcomes and lower costs Broad market access Unique customer touchpoints Digital assets to drive patient engagement Combined assets promote lower-cost sites of care and enhanced clinical care programs Aging U.S. Population More competitive Medicare Advantage and Part D offerings enable efficiencies and complementary expertise CVS Health + Aetna will result in significant benefits to stakeholders

To Compete in the Future, a Number of New Assets and Capabilities Will Be Required Additional capabilities required going forward Access to high-quality, lower-cost sites of care Lower-cost models of care delivery will be crucial given margin compression and shift to value-based care Winning in government business Ability to improve member outcomes and effectively manage complex patients Ability to reach patients and influence behavior New ways of identifying (e.g., data and predictive analytics) and engaging patients to drive behavior change will be critical to lowering medical costs for patients and payors Strong health care services assets Tools / services to lower costs and improve outcomes for own members and which can be sold to other health plans / providers Contract with providers for best price Underwrite risk Manage utilization COMPELLING STRATEGIC RATIONALE Traditional bases of competition needed but not sufficient

World class consumer health and engagement model Leading health financing platform Best-in-class service Targeted solutions to improve health and wellness Differentiated provider collaboration experience – equipping providers with tools to succeed Innovative plan designs CVS Health and Aetna Bring Unique and Differentiated Capabilities to the Combination Unparalleled reach that positions us as the front door to health care Ability to support patients, payors and providers with innovative, channel-agnostic solutions Broad capabilities to holistically manage patients Deep clinical expertise and insights Leading provider of pharmacy services in long-term care Unmatched scale in the U.S. making us low-cost provider **COMPELLING STRATEGIC RATIONALE**

COMPELLING STRATEGIC RATIONALE Better clinical outcomes from combination of medical and pharmacy claims data Increased patient satisfaction from enhanced consumer engagement More convenient care from access to “Health Care Hub” Lower cost to the patient and client Increased speed and efficiency of treatment Member and client benefits Integrated Health Care Platform Offers Better Care and Convenience at a Lower Cost Quality Patients Payors Providers Retail Long-Term Care Pharmacy Mail Pharmacy Benefits Specialty Population Health Tools Medical Benefits Digital Clinical Programs Walk-In Clinics Infusion Data & Analytics Benefits Navigator Medical Claims Editing

Example: CVS Health + Aetna Can Help Better Manage Medical Cost for Chronic Patients
Pain points in current model
Ways CVS Health + Aetna can improve
Components of care delivery model
Inconvenient and inaccessible health care delivery system
Insufficient time to fully manage patient population
Lack of support after a medical event
Lack of coordination to address gaps in care/ unaligned incentives
Convenient locations and “last mile” presence
In-home and local community-based care
New forms of patient interactions to supplement physician office visits
Enhanced consumer experience
Transitions of care, along with care coaches /pharmacists and other programs
Value-based provider relationships
Combined pharmacy and medical data – single source for patient records
COMPELLING STRATEGIC RATIONALE
Patient engagement
Alignment across providers
Access to care
Post-discharge

Transaction Summary

Key Transaction Terms Equity value of \$69 billion. Including the assumption of Aetna debt, total transaction value of \$77 billion. Approximately \$207 per Aetna share in cash and stock, comprised of \$145.00 in cash and 0.8378 in CVS shares per AET share* Purchase Price CVS shareholders will own 78% of combined company AET shareholders will own 22% of combined company Ownership TRANSACTION SUMMARY 3 of Aetna's directors will be added at closing to CVS Health board of directors, including Mark T. Bertolini, Aetna chairman and CEO Members of Aetna management team will play significant roles in the combined company. Aetna will operate as a stand-alone business unit led by members of the current management team Management & Board of Directors Expect transaction to close in the second half of 2018 Subject to CVS and AET shareholder approvals, regulatory approvals and other customary closing conditions Closing *Based on 5-day Volume Weighted Average Price ending December 1, 2017, of \$74.21.

Creating a New Leader in Health Care Notes: Managed care percentage allocated based on 2016 data. Shown as percent of total revenue. Revenue, Trailing Twelve Months (\$, billions) Managed Care % 26% 64% 2% 0% 2% 100% 95% 99% 91% Comp A Comp B Comp C Comp D Comp E Comp F TRANSACTION SUMMARY Creating a Fortune 4 company with more than \$18 billion in pro forma adjusted EBITDA

Potential to Deliver \$750 Million of Synergies in Second Full Year Traditional Medical Cost Reduction: Captured With Current Capabilities Streamline redundant corporate functions Improved pricing from third party vendors Combine PBM and PDP operations Improved enterprise dispensing Improve care management by reducing overtreatment and failures of care delivery to drive reductions in wasteful medical spending Shift to lower cost sites of care using existing assets such as MinuteClinic and home infusions through Coram TRANSACTION SUMMARY

Potential for Longer-Term Synergies to Deliver Significant Incremental Value Medical Cost Reduction: Chronic Care Management Improving chronic care management to reduce wasteful spending Reducing readmissions via pharmacist-led interventions Improving adherence to reduce medical spend Medical Cost Reduction: Site of Care Shift Reducing ER visits through the use of MinuteClinic Shifting lab services to preferred sites through plan design and member education Shifting infusion services out of outpatient hospital settings Increased Medicare Presence Improving select measures in Medicare Star rating criteria Driving growth in Medicare Advantage Growth in Membership Growing customer base through unique set of offerings for the retail, PBM and managed care platforms

TRANSACTION SUMMARY

Continue to Execute Disciplined Long-Term Financial Policies New debt of \$45 billion will result in pro forma leverage of approximately 4.6x; expect to deleverage rapidly Leverage Focus on deleveraging to low 3x adj. debt to adj. EBITDA to maintain strong balance sheet Share Repurchases Stop the share repurchase program until leverage is down to low 3x Dividends Keep dividends per share flat until leverage is down to low 3x M&A Strategy No additional major transactions contemplated Capitalization Insurance subsidiaries remain capitalized at existing strong investment grade financial strength ratings We are committed to sustaining a strong investment grade capital structure and will continue to follow disciplined financial policies TRANSACTION SUMMARY

Consumers Clients Health Care System Investors Benefit from uniquely integrated, community-based health care experience, helping them better navigate the system to achieve their best health Helps address growing cost of treating chronic conditions through broader use of data and analytics, leading to improved patient health at substantially lower cost Reduces wasteful spending by promoting lower cost sites of care and helping to avoid costly hospital readmissions Low- to mid-single digit accretion in second full year after transaction close; clear line of sight to significant near- and longer-term synergies COMPELLING STRATEGIC RATIONALE Today's Key Takeaways CVS Health + Aetna: Significant Value Creation Revolutionizing the Consumer Health Care Experience

Appendix: Financial Supplement

Sources and Uses of Funds TRANSACTION OVERVIEW Sources (\$B) Uses (\$B) Available Cash 4.1 New Debt
44.8 New Equity Issued in Transaction 21.0 Total Sources 69.9 Purchase Equity 69.2 Other 0.7 Total Uses 69.9

Pro Forma Last Twelve Month Financial Profile (\$, billions) Eliminations Pro Forma Revenue 182.4 61.4 (22.4) 221.4
Adjusted EBITDA 12.3 6.2 18.5 % Margin 6.7% 10.1% 8.4% TRANSACTION SUMMARY Refer to reconciliation
to comparable GAAP measure on slides 23 and 24.

Non-GAAP Reconciliation – CVS Health Adjusted EBITDA (\$, millions) TTM Q3 2017
Income from continuing operations 5,051
Income tax provision 3,161
Income before income tax provision 8,212
Interest expense, net 986
Depreciation and amortization 2,485
EBITDA 11,683
Non-GAAP adjustments:
Acquisition-related integration costs 106
Losses on settlements of defined benefit pension plans 187
Charges in connection with store rationalization 245
Goodwill impairment 135
Adjustments to legal reserves in connection with legal settlements (88)
Adjusted EBITDA 12,268
APPENDIX Source: Company filings. Calculated for the trailing twelve months ended September 30, 2017.

Non-GAAP Reconciliation – Aetna Adjusted EBITDA (\$, millions) TTM Q3 2017 Income before income taxes 2,741
Interest expense 344 Loss on early extinguishment of long-term debt 246 Penn Treaty-related guaranty fund
assessments 231 Transaction and integration-related costs 1,386 Restructuring costs 404 Reduction of reserve for
anticipated future losses on discontinued products (109) Depreciation and amortization 669 Net realized capital
(gains) losses 262 Adjusted EBITDA 6,174 APPENDIX Source: Company filings. Calculated for the trailing twelve
months ended September 30, 2017.

Appendix: CVS Health Strengths and Capabilities

Leadership Across Multiple Segments Retail Pharmacy Pharmacy Benefits Medicare Part D Specialty Pharmacy
Long-Term Care Pharmacy Retail Clinics More than 9,700 locations across 49 states, Washington D.C., Puerto Rico
and Brazil More than 1.1 billion retail scripts filled annually Nearly 90 million plan members Processed 1.6 billion
claims More than \$43 billion in gross wins over past five seasons ~97% client retention in 2018 SilverScript PDP with
5.5 million members Support Medicare Part D / MAPD offerings of health plans > 40% of Caremark's revenues
Growth outpaces broader pharmacy market Infusion services through Coram Leading provider of pharmacy services
to long-term care community Network of hub and spoke pharmacies to drive efficiency Providing high-quality care at
a more affordable site More than 1,100 walk-in clinics across 33 states 37 million patient visits since inception CVS
HEALTH STRENGTHS AND CAPABILITIES Data as of December 31, 2016.

Nationwide Retail Footprint Provides Direct Touchpoints with Consumers Unsurpassed Reach More than 30,000 clinical professionals Nearly 70% of U.S. population lives within 3 miles of a CVS Pharmacy More than 50% of U.S. population lives within 10 miles of a MinuteClinic CVS HEALTH STRENGTHS AND CAPABILITIES

Extensive Consumer Reach Across Many Platforms Clinical Message Reach Active Patient Base Phone Number
Accuracy Auto-Fulfillment Usage Patient Consultation Text Message Enrollment 95% Percent of patients with an
accurate number on file 65M 48M 144M Automated calls or texts delivered to patients per year Number of unique
patients that fill an Rx each year in retail Pharmacy Number of active patients enrolled in text messaging Number of
scripts filled via ReadyFill or ScriptSync / yr Number of pharmacist consultations per year in stores 140M 1B 55M
Number of emails in ExtraCare database Number of ExtraCare offers issued in the last year 21B ExtraCare Offers
ExtraCare Emails CVS HEALTH STRENGTHS AND CAPABILITIES

We Make Data Actionable and Deliver It When and Where Interventions Can Do the Most Good Hospitals Providers
Patient Post-Acute Care Optimal Interventions Powered by the Health Engagement Engine Foundation of rich data
and analytic expertise CVS HEALTH STRENGTHS AND CAPABILITIES

CVS Caremark Offers Unmatched Suite of Cost Management Capabilities Utilization Management Formulary Management Network Strategies Generic Programs Cost Management Solutions ü ü ü Site-Of-Care Management Medical Claims Editing Real-Time Surveillance Clinical Programs ü ü ü Health care affordability improved as client trend lowered to 3.2% CVS HEALTH STRENGTHS AND CAPABILITIES Note: Trend based on full-year 2016 data from CVS commercial client cohort (health plans & employers).

Appendix: Aetna Strengths and Capabilities

Aetna is a Leading Health Services Company AETNA STRENGTHS AND CAPABILITIES 44.6M* Unique Members Leading Medicare Franchise Strong Clinical Assets Next Generation Capabilities *As of September 30, 2017; Note unique members includes Group Insurance 22.2M* medical members Over 70% of the Fortune 100 use Aetna 3rd largest publicly traded managed care organization Aetna members projected to use ~225m Adjusted Rx in 2017 One of the fastest growing Medicare franchises Highest percentage of Medicare Advantage members in 4+ star plans amongst publicly-traded peers 2nd largest Group Medicare company Over 5,200 nurses and over 300 doctors on staff High touch, high tech member service model Global network of providers World class digital and analytics capabilities Suite of clinical decision support assets Extensive next generation provider network

AETNA STRENGTHS AND CAPABILITIES AZ TX LA FL IL KY OH MI WV PA NY NJ VA CA MD WA OR
MT ID NV UT WY ND SD NE KS OK NM CO MN IA MO AR MS AL GA SC NC TN IN WI ME VT NH MA RI
CT DE HI AK 500K – 1M members 1M – 2M members >2M members <50K members 50K – 100K members 200K –
500K members 100K – 200K members Nationwide, Geographically Diverse Membership As of September 30, 2017,
Aetna provides health benefits and services for ~22.2 million medical members across the U.S. and other locations

Aetna's Extensive Next Generation Provider Network AETNA STRENGTHS AND CAPABILITIES Access to membership to increase provider engagement and collaboration Increase provider's role to deliver consumer engagement and care model Align incentives and collaborate with providers to: Help providers build the health experience of the future Integrate data into EMR/provider workflows Improve member health Deliver a differentiated patient experience Improve quality and efficiency JV health plan Risk-bearing entity ACO product Value-based contracting Retail partnerships Fee-for Service Degree of provider risk Aetna focus Aetna's value-based strategy Extensive Provider Network 1.3 Million 700,000 5,700 Participating Health Care Providers Primary Care Specialist Physicians Hospitals Working with providers to redefine our relationships and align incentives

Focused on Improving Consumer Health and Engagement AETNA STRENGTHS AND CAPABILITIES Clinical
Focus Managing Risk Servicing Members Improving health with holistic consumer focus Health financing In-home
and local community-based care Enhanced consumer experience Care model that engages and improves health
holistically Best-in-class service and advocacy Targeted solutions to improve health and wellness