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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
 9 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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11 DENNIS F., CAROL F., and GRACE F.

12 Plaintiffs,

13 v.

14 AETNA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY,

15 Defendant.
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CASE NO. 3:12-cv-02819-MMC

**JOINT STIPULATION AND ~~PROPOSED~~
 ORDER REGARDING BRIEFING ON THE
 MERITS**; ORDER CONTINUING CASE
 MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE
 The Hon. Maxine M. Chesney

Third Amended Complaint Filed: 04/13/2016

17 KIM B. and AVIVA B.

18 Plaintiffs,

19 v.

20 AETNA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY,

21 Defendant.
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CASE NO. 3:16-cv-01395-MMC

Complaint Filed: 03/22/2016

23 ALISON B. and DANIEL B.

24 Plaintiffs,

25 v.

26 AETNA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY,

27 Defendant.
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CASE NO. 4:16-cv-01398-MMC

Complaint Filed: 03/22/2016

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WILLIAM B. and RYAN B.

Plaintiffs,

v.

AETNA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY,

Defendant.

CASE NO. 4:16-cv-01402-MMC
Complaint Filed: 03/22/2016

LLOYD B. and TALYA B.

Plaintiffs,

v.

AETNA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY,

Defendant.

CASE NO. 4:16-cv-01405-MMC
Complaint Filed: 03/22/2016

RODNEY K. and BRIAN K.

Plaintiffs,

v.

AETNA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY,

Defendant.

CASE NO. 3:16-cv-01397-MMC
Complaint Filed: 03/22/2016

MARK L. and ELAINE L.

Plaintiffs,

v.

AETNA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY,

Defendant.

CASE NO. 3:16-cv-01399-MMC
Complaint Filed: 03/22/2016

R.M. and M.M.

Plaintiffs,

v.

AETNA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY,

Defendant.

CASE NO. 5:16-cv-01401-MMC
Complaint Filed: 03/22/2016

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PERRY P. and EVAN P.

Plaintiffs,

v.

AETNA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY,

Defendant.

CASE NO. 4:16-cv-01400-MMC
Complaint Filed: 03/22/2016

RICHARD R. and SUSANNA R.

Plaintiffs,

v.

AETNA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY,

Defendant.

CASE NO. 4:16-cv-01404-MMC
Complaint Filed: 03/22/2016

DAGMAR W. and SAMANTHA W..

Plaintiffs,

v.

AETNA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY,

Defendant.

CASE NO. 3:16-cv-01403-MMC
Complaint Filed: 03/22/2016

CHERYL N. and TRISTAN W.

Plaintiffs,

v.

AETNA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY,

Defendant.

CASE NO. 4:16-cv-01406-MMC
Complaint Filed: 03/22/2016

1 The parties to the above-captioned litigation, by and through their respective counsel of
2 record, hereby stipulate and request as follows:

3 WHEREAS, on May 1, 2017, the Court ruled that the appropriate standard of review
4 applicable to all twelve Plaintiffs' claims for benefits under their Aetna-administered plan was abuse
5 of discretion (ECF 221);

6 WHEREAS, per the Court's December 15, 2016 order (ECF 207), the parties will submit a
7 joint stipulation setting forth a proposed briefing schedule on the merits by May 15, 2017;

8 WHEREAS, the parties have met and conferred, and agree to discuss settlement of all twelve
9 Plaintiffs' claims in June 2017 since Aetna's counsel is currently in trial through the end of May;

10 WHEREAS, the parties have met and conferred, and agree that if the parties do not settle all
11 twelve Plaintiffs' claims, briefing on these cases may be consolidated solely for purpose of efficiency
12 and to facilitate the Court's review of the merits of each case, and that the cases remain separate for
13 all other purposes; and

14 WHEREAS, the parties have met and conferred, and agreed upon the procedure and briefing
15 schedule below;

16 THEREFORE, the parties jointly stipulate, subject to the Court's approval:

- 17 1. Plaintiffs will file their opening brief on the merits on **July 28, 2017**.
- 18 2. Defendants will file their opposition brief on the merits on **August 25, 2017**.
- 19 3. Plaintiffs will file their reply brief on the merits on **September 15, 2017**.
- 20 4. The Court will hold a hearing to discuss the merits on **October 13, 2017**.
- 21 5. The parties agree that only one brief will be submitted on the merits, and that brief will
22 address all twelve related cases.

