CVS-Aetna Closes Deal; Not So Fast, Judge Says



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Reuters is **reporting** that a federal judge on Thursday raised the prospect of not approving CVS Health Corp's deal to buy insurer Aetna Inc, which closed earlier this week, during a routine portion of the legal process.

"I was reviewing your motion, which, of course is not opposed. And I kind of got this uneasy feeling that I was being kept in the dark, kind of like a mushroom," Judge Richard Leon of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia told lawyers for the Justice Department and the two companies, noting that the American Medical Association, among others, had objected to the deal.

"I'm very concerned, very concerned that you all are proceeding on a rubber-stamp approach to this," he told them, according to a transcript of the hearing.

Read the Reuters article.