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Fort Dearborn Life Launches New Employee Benefits Manager Portal

Chicago, IL –August 14, 2006 – Fort Dearborn Life Insurance Company, a subsidiary of Health Care Service Corporation (HCSC), a Mutual Legal Reserve Company, today launched a redesigned Web portal that makes managing group life, disability and dental programs easier for employee benefits administrators.

The Benefits Manager Web portal at www.fdl-life.com provides solutions for all employee benefits customers regardless of which billing method they choose. Features include online policy contracts, benefit claim reports, employee coverage verification, and group payment history. For customers that want to manage all aspects of administration online, Web billing is offered as a unique administration tool to manage employee benefits and eligibility.

New features include a redesigned look and more user-friendly navigation. Utilizing a task-oriented approach, the enhanced portal guides users to the appropriate place as quickly and efficiently as possible.

“Our goal was to improve our customers’ online experience by creating a portal with intuitive design and streamlined functionality. We want our customers to see and experience an advantage to using the Web for group benefits administration,” said Brad Gary, chief marketing officer of Fort Dearborn Life.

With more than 35 years experience, Fort Dearborn Life is among the country’s leading providers of group life insurance programs. Fort Dearborn Life markets group life, short- and long-term disability, group dental and individual annuity programs. Fort Dearborn Life has more than \$1.6 billion in assets and \$125 billion in life insurance in-force. Fort Dearborn Life is rated “A+” (Superior) by A.M. Best Company, effective June 20, 2005, and is rated “A” (Strong) by Standard and Poor’s for financial strength in its most recent report.

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