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**Fort Dearborn Life Insurance Company[®] Completes Acquisition of
New York-based Northstar Life Insurance Company**

(CHICAGO) – July 10, 2007 – Fort Dearborn Life Insurance Company has successfully completed the acquisition of New York-based Northstar Life Insurance Company from Securian Financial Group, Inc.

This acquisition enables Fort Dearborn Life to enter the New York marketplace, giving the company the ability to write business in every state. Northstar Life Insurance Company has been renamed Fort Dearborn Life Insurance Company of New York. The company expects to commence New York operations during the fourth quarter of 2007 with plans to write group benefits and individual annuities.

“New York is vital to our long-term strategic plans,” said Larry Newsom, president and CEO of Fort Dearborn Life. “With distribution now in all 50 states and the District of Columbia, Fort Dearborn Life is truly a national insurance carrier that is well positioned to meet our growth goals.”

Securian's New York financial institution clients and their customers have already received special communications regarding the transaction and their coverage. All Northstar Life

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business existing at the time of the acquisition will be serviced by Securian Life, which will continue to underwrite Securian Financial Group's New York business.

With more than 35 years experience, Fort Dearborn Life is among the country's leading providers of employee benefits. Fort Dearborn Life markets group life, short- and long-term disability, dental and individual annuity programs. Fort Dearborn Life has \$2.1 billion in assets and \$151 billion of life insurance in force. Fort Dearborn Life is rated A+ (Superior) by A.M. Best Company, affirmed Aug. 10, 2006¹, and is rated A+ (Strong) by Standard and Poor's for financial strength in its most recent report. Fort Dearborn Life is a subsidiary of Health Care Service Corporation, a Mutual Legal Reserve Company.

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¹ A.M. Best Company rates the overall financial condition of a company using a scale of A++ (Superior) to F (In Liquidation).