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Fort Dearborn Life Appoints Gary Casement, Director of Claims

(CHICAGO) – March 10, 2006 – Fort Dearborn Life Insurance Company, a subsidiary of Health Care Service Corporation (HCSC), a Mutual Legal Reserve Company, today announced the appointment of Gary Casement as director of claims for group operations.

“Gary has a wealth of experience in claims management and large group customer service, and he will provide Fort Dearborn Life with the leadership and direction necessary to keep our customer satisfaction at the highest possible level,” said Leah Bytheway, vice president of group administration at Fort Dearborn Life. “He will be a tremendous asset to our organization in terms of managing multiple location claims centers and implementing innovative programs that build and sustain customer relationships.”

As director of claims, Casement will oversee all life, disability and waiver claims activities at Fort Dearborn Life. He will be responsible for staff, recruiting, performance management, metrics, quality and reporting. His role also will include representing claims with large group clients, as well as managing the claims and reporting services provided by our reinsurance partners.

Casement brings 32 years of claims management and customer service development to Fort Dearborn Life. He was most recently regional vice president of Hartford Life Insurance Company. Previously, he served as vice president of AMERIGROUP Corporation, director at UniCare and regional vice president at First Health.

Casement received a bachelor of arts degree with honors from Rutgers University. He is a certified facilitator for both the Stephen Covey Organization and Pinnacle Management Group.

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, 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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