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Fort Dearborn Life Welcomes Paul Gauthier as Chief Financial Officer

(CHICAGO) – April 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 Paul Gauthier as chief financial officer.

“With Paul’s extensive experience in accounting and insurance roles, he will be a valuable addition to our organization and will be instrumental in driving our growth,” said Larry Newsom, president and chief executive officer of Fort Dearborn Life.

In his new role, Gauthier will oversee accounting, financial reporting, budget, investments and human resources departments. Gauthier previously served as vice president and chief financial officer for the group insurance business at Guardian Life Insurance Company.

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 \$1.7 billion in assets and \$125 billion of 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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