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Fort Dearborn Life Insurance Company Partners with Swiss Life Network

(CHICAGO) – February 6, 2006 – Fort Dearborn Life Insurance Company, a subsidiary of Health Care Service Corporation (HCSC), a Mutual Legal Reserve Company, has signed a definitive agreement with the Swiss Life Network to provide group life, disability and dental benefits to Swiss Life Network’s multi-national clients in the United States.

“We are enthusiastic about the potential of a long-term partnership with the Swiss Life Network,” said Larry Newsom, president of Fort Dearborn Life. “With the globalization of business today, an employee benefits provider must be able to offer solutions for employers with associates throughout the world. This new arrangement allows Fort Dearborn Life to provide products in the United States to Swiss Life Network’s multi-national clients and in exchange, international solutions for Fort Dearborn Life customers.”

As the largest group life insurance carrier in the United States for contracts in-force¹, Fort Dearborn Life views this partnership as an opportunity to service a broader base of clients and to introduce Fort Dearborn Life products and services to an expanding landscape of international benefits brokers and consultants.

This agreement will provide the clients of the Swiss Life Network innovative products and services in the United States through an established international network. Additionally, the global Swiss Life Network will enable Fort Dearborn Life to diversify the distribution of its products, resulting in additional premium.

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

¹ Based on LIMRA’s Group Life Sales and In-Force 2004 Annual Results.

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 the 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.

The Swiss Life Network, Zurich, is a leading provider of international employee benefit solutions. It belongs to the Swiss Life Group. With a multilingual team of more than 40 highly experienced sales executives, actuaries and support staff, the Swiss Life Network is a client-oriented organization dedicated to meeting customer needs effectively and efficiently.

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