

Symetra Again Named to ‘Ward’s List’ of Top-Performing Life and Health Insurance Companies

BELLEVUE, Wash. — Symetra Life Insurance Company has been named to the 2011 “Ward’s 50” group of top-performing insurance companies. This is the sixth consecutive year and 13th year overall that Symetra has been recognized as a leading life and health insurer.



Conducted by Ward Group, a consulting and analytical firm specializing in the insurance industry and a provider of benchmarking practices, the 2011 Ward’s 50 list is composed of companies that have maintained outstanding financial results over a five-year period, 2006-2010.

Nearly 800 life and health insurance companies domiciled in the United States are reviewed by the Ward Group in this annual financial analysis. In selecting the Ward’s 50, Ward Group identifies companies that pass financial stability requirements and measures their ability to grow while maintaining strong capital positions and underwriting results.

An important objective of the Ward’s 50 is to compare listed companies’ performance as a group with the rest of the industry. The 2011 Ward’s 50 life and health insurance group of companies, for example, produced an 18.7% return on average equity from 2006-2010 compared to 5.7% for the life and health industry overall. Ward’s 50 companies also outperformed the industry in other key performance indicators.

Ward Group has conducted the listing since 1991, with the analysis based on independent, publicly available data. For a complete list of the 2011 Ward's 50 companies and to learn more about the Ward Group's benchmarking and consulting services, visit www.wardinc.com.

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