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## A.M. Best Takes Various Rating Actions on Coventry Health Care, Inc.

#### **Ratings Supplement**

The FSRs of B++ (Very Good) have been affirmed with an outlook revised to positive

from stable for the following subsidiaries of Coventry Health Care, Inc.:

- Carelink Health Plans, Inc.
- Coventry Health and Life Insurance Company
- Coventry Health Care of Georgia, Inc.
- Group Health Plan, Inc.
- HealthAmerica Pennsylvania, Inc.
- HealthAssurance Pennsylvania, Inc.

The FSRs have been upgraded to B++ (Very Good) from B+ (Very Good) with a stable

outlook for the following subsidiaries of Coventry Health Care, Inc:

- Coventry Health Care of Kansas, Inc.,
- PersonalCare Insurance of Illinois, Inc.
- Southern Health Services, Inc.

The FSRs of B++ (Very Good) have been affirmed with a stable outlook for the

following subsidiaries of Coventry Health Care, Inc.:

- Altius Health Plans, Inc.
- Coventry HealthCare of Iowa
- WellPath Select
- First Health Life & Health
- Cambridge Life Insurance Company

The FSRs of B+ (Very Good) have been affirmed and the ICRs of "bbb-" have been

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assigned both with a stable outlook for the following subsidiaries of Coventry Health Care,

Inc.:

- Coventry Health Care of Louisiana, Inc.
- Coventry Health Care of Delaware
- Coventry Health Care of Nebraska, Inc.
- HealthCare USA of Missouri, LLC
- OmniCare Health Plan Inc.

The ICRs of "bbb" have been assigned with a stable outlook to the following subsidiaries

of Coventry Health Care, Inc.:

- Coventry Health Care of Kansas, Inc
- PersonalCare Insurance of Illinois, Inc
- Southern Health Services
- First Health Life and Health
- Cambridge Life Insurance Company

The ICRs of "bbb+" have been assigned with a stable outlook to the following

subsidiaries of Coventry Health Care, Inc.:

- Altius Health Plans
- Coventry Health Care of Iowa
- Well Path Select

The ICRs of "bbb+" have been assigned with a positive outlook to the following

subsidiaries of Coventry Health Care, Inc.:

- Carelink Health Plans, Inc.
- Coventry Health and Life Insurance Company
- Coventry Health Care of Georgia, Inc.
- Group Health Plan, Inc.
- HealthAmerica Pennsylvania, Inc.
- HealthAssurance Pennsylvania, Inc

The following debt ratings have been affirmed with an outlook revised to positive from

stable:





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Coventry Health Care, Inc.—

-- "bb+" on \$170.5 million 8.125% 10-year senior unsecured notes, due 2012

-- "bb+" on \$250.0 million 5.875% 7 year senior unsecured notes, due 2012

-- "bb+" on \$250.0 million 6.125% 10-year senior unsecured notes, due 2015

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