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A.M. Best Affirms Ratings of The Allstate Corporation and Its Subsidiaries

Ratings Supplement

The FSR of A+ (Superior) and ICRs of "aa-" have been affirmed with a stable outlook for Allstate

Insurance Group and its following members:

- Allstate County Mutual Insurance Company
- Allstate Fire and Casualty Insurance Company
- Allstate Indemnity Company
- Allstate Insurance Company
- Allstate North American Insurance Company
- Allstate Property and Casualty Insurance Company
- Allstate Texas Lloyd's
- Deerbrook Insurance Company
- Encompass Home and Auto Insurance Company
- Encompass Indemnity Company
- Encompass Independent Insurance Company
- Encompass Insurance Company of America
- Encompass Insurance Company of Massachusetts
- Encompass Insurance Company
- Encompass Property and Casualty Company
- Northbrook Indemnity Company

The FSR of A+ (Superior) and ICRs of "aa-" have been affirmed with a negative outlook for the

following life/health members of Allstate Financial:

- Allstate Life Insurance Company
- Allstate Life Insurance Company of New York
- Lincoln Benefit Life Company
- American Heritage Life Insurance Company



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The FSR of B++ (Good) and ICRs of "bbb+" have been affirmed with a stable outlook for the following

life/health members of Allstate Financial:

- Charter National Life Insurance Company
- Intramerica Life Insurance Company

The ICR of "a-" has been affirmed with a stable outlook for The Allstate Corporation.

The following debt rating has been affirmed:

The Allstate Corporation—

-- AMB-1 on commercial paper program

The following debt ratings have been affirmed with a stable outlook:

The Allstate Corporation—

-- "a-" on \$700 million 7.450% senior unsecured notes, due 2019
-- "a-" on \$300 million 6.200% senior unsecured notes, due 2014
-- "a-" on \$350 million 6.125% senior unsecured notes, due 2012
-- "a-" on \$250 million 7.500% senior unsecured debentures, due 2013
-- "a-" on \$650 million 5.000% senior unsecured notes, due 2014
-- "a-" on \$250 million 6.750% senior unsecured debentures, due 2018
-- "a-" on \$250 million 6.750% senior unsecured debentures, due 2038
-- "a-" on \$250 million 6.125% senior unsecured debentures, due 2038
-- "a-" on \$250 million 6.125% senior unsecured notes, due 2032
-- "a-" on \$400 million 5.350% senior unsecured notes, due 2033
-- "a-" on \$650 million 5.950% senior unsecured notes, due 2036
-- "a-" on \$650 million 6.500% junior subordinated debentures, due 2067
-- "bbb" on \$500 million 6.125% junior subordinated debentures, due 2067

The following indicative ratings have been affirmed with a stable outlook:

The Allstate Corporation—

- -- "a-" on senior unsecured debt
- -- "bbb+" on subordinated debt
- -- "bbb" on junior subordinated debt
- -- "bbb" on preferred stock

Allstate Financing III, IV, V and VI—

-- "bbb" on trust preferred securities

The following debt ratings have been affirmed with a negative outlook:

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Allstate Life Funding, LLC— "aa-" program rating -- "aa-" on all outstanding notes issued under the program

Allstate Financial Global Funding, LLC— "aa-" program rating -- "aa-" on all outstanding notes issued under the program

Allstate Life Global Funding II— "aa-" program rating -- "aa-" on all outstanding notes issued under the program

Allstate Life Global Funding Trusts — "aa-" program rating -- "aa-" on all outstanding notes issued under the program

The principal methodology used in determining these ratings is Best's Credit Rating Methodology --

Global Life and Non-Life Insurance Edition, which provides a comprehensive explanation of A.M. Best's rating

process and highlights the different rating criteria employed. Additional key criteria utilized include: "Risk

Management and the Rating Process for Insurance Companies"; "Understanding BCAR for Property/Casualty

Insurers"; "Catastrophe Risk Management Incorporated Within the Rating Analysis"; "Understanding BCAR for

Life and Health Insurers"; "A.M. Best's Ratings & the Treatment of Debt"; "A.M. Best's Perspective on

Operating Leverage"; "Equity Credit for Hybrid Securities"; "Rating Funding Agreement-Backed Securities"; and

"Rating Members of Insurance Groups." Methodologies can be found at <u>www.ambest.com/ratings/methodology</u>.

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