

First Professionals Insurance Company, Inc. Welcomes Loss-free Physicians and Surgeons in Illinois

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (Business Wire) – Nov. 15, 2007 – First Professionals Insurance Company, Inc. (First Professionals), with more than 30 years of experience in the medical professional liability insurance (MPLI) market, and Bentley Insurance Group (BIG) of Chicago, have joined forces to protect physicians and surgeons with favorable loss histories in Illinois via an exclusive risk purchasing group, Bentley RPG, LLC. This progressive approach began when BIG formed to provide quality, affordable MPLI coverage for Illinois doctors with favorable loss histories. Both BIG and First Professionals recognize the need for those elite doctors to purchase coverage at prices that are not determined by the losses of other policyholders.

“As the premier carrier in Florida for medical professional liability insurance, we have always insured the best of the best in the medical community, and we have always rewarded their positive loss experiences,” said First Professionals’ President Robert E. White, Jr. “This opportunity is an extension of that philosophy and allows us to expand our products and services to Illinois, in an arrangement with minimal risk exposure for our stakeholders and great benefit for the practitioners in the BIG program.”

Through this program, First Professionals will provide insurance with limits of liability up to \$1 million/\$3 million to the physicians and surgeons in the risk purchasing group. First Professionals’ policies will be reinsured by BIG’s captive and London reinsurers. This reinsurance arrangement will limit the company’s risk of loss in this program. BIG has an exclusive underwriting and marketing arrangement with AVRECO in Chicago.

“First Professionals brings a competitive edge and superior protection to our area for the first time,” said AVRECO Assistant Vice President Charlie Becker. “The company’s longstanding operation as a financially sound medical professional liability insurer, and its outstanding claims management record, give preferred physicians and surgeons in Illinois another option—a better option.”

The program is available to physicians licensed in the state of Illinois in private practice or hospital-based practice, who meet all qualifications for membership in Bentley RPG, LLC, and coverage in this program.

For information about coverage, contact Becker at (800) 984-7570.

About First Professionals Insurance Company, Inc.

First Professionals Insurance Company, Inc. (First Professionals) is *Florida’s Physicians Insurance CompanySM*, and has served the medical and healthcare community with reliable professional liability insurance since 1975. First Professionals offers a wide range of products and services to meet the unique needs of physicians and dentists, optometrists, podiatrists, chiropractors, and healthcare facilities. First Professionals, headquartered in Jacksonville, Florida, offers products and services in the states of

Florida, Georgia, Arkansas, Texas and now Illinois. First Professionals is a subsidiary company of FPIC Insurance Group, Inc. www.firstprofessionals.com

About FPIC Insurance Group, Inc. (Nasdaq: FPIC)

FPIC Insurance Group, Inc., through its subsidiary companies, is a leading provider of medical professional liability insurance for physicians, dentists and other healthcare providers. www.fpic.com

Bentley Insurance Group (BIG)

The Bentley Insurance Group was formed for the benefit of preferred physicians associated with community hospitals in Illinois. Membership in the Bentley RPG requires physicians to adhere to strict eligibility guidelines and participate in risk management programs designed to improve practice and reduce losses. As a result, physicians meeting Bentley's membership requirements should enjoy substantial savings in their medical malpractice premiums. Physicians interested in Bentley's program should contact their local insurance agent or contact AVRECO at (800) 984-7570 for more information.

AVRECO

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