

W. R. Berkley Corporation Names Brad N. Nieland President of Berkley Accident and Health

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Christopher C. Brown Appointed Chairman

GREENWICH, Conn.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- **W. R. Berkley Corporation (NYSE: WRB)** today announced the appointment of Brad N. Nieland as president and CEO of Berkley Accident and Health, a Berkley Company. Mr. Nieland succeeds Christopher C. Brown, who has been named chairman of Berkley Accident and Health.

Mr. Nieland joins Berkley Accident and Health with more than 15 years of experience in the healthcare and accident and health insurance sectors. Prior to joining the company, he held various positions focusing on underwriting and product management, actuarial, risk management and client relations. Mr. Nieland most recently served as vice president of stop loss at another leading U.S. provider of accident and health insurance. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in actuarial science and statistics from the University of Northern Iowa, is a Fellow of the Society of Actuaries (FSA) with a specialization in healthcare, and is a member of the American Academy of Actuaries.

Mr. Brown joined Berkley as president of Berkley Accident and Health in 2009 and will remain an invaluable advisory resource to Mr. Nieland in his role as chairman.

Commenting on the appointments, W. Robert Berkley, Jr., president and chief executive officer of W. R. Berkley Corporation, said, "We have been extremely fortunate to have Chris lead our team at Berkley Accident and Health for nearly a decade, building it from a relatively new start-up into an important part of our business. He and his team have done an outstanding job in establishing the company as a leading provider of accident and health insurance products and services, and we are excited that he will continue to participate in its ongoing success. Brad brings a wealth of experience in all aspects of the business, as well as an excellent analytic approach that will create opportunities for additional growth and profitability for years to come. We are delighted to welcome him to our team."

Berkley Accident and Health underwrites accident and health insurance and reinsurance products in four primary areas: medical stop loss, managed care, special risk and group captive. It has a diversified product and service portfolio serving a range of clients from small employers, health care organizations, and membership groups to Fortune 500 companies. For further information about Berkley Accident and Health along with the products and services it offers, please visit www.berkleyah.com.

Founded in 1967, W. R. Berkley Corporation is an insurance holding company that is among the largest commercial lines writers in the United States and operates worldwide in two segments of the property casualty insurance business: Insurance and Reinsurance. For further information about W. R. Berkley Corporation, please visit www.wrberkley.com.

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