

# **Plymouth Rock names McNerney; MacLeay heads National Life; The Hartford names two**

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## **Plymouth Rock**

Plymouth Rock Assurance Corp. in Boston has named Mary Beth McNerney acting vice president, underwriting operations. She will be responsible for integrating underwriting operations among the Plymouth Rock companies in Massachusetts, Connecticut and New Hampshire to achieve greater efficiencies and enhanced service to agents.

McNerney continues to serve as vice president of Mt Washington Assurance Corp., the New Hampshire affiliate in Concord, N.H.

## **The Hartford**

The Hartford Financial Services Group, Inc. named Michelle Kunzman as named director of underwriting in Group Reinsurance Plus for Hartford Life Insurance Co. Kunzman is responsible for all private label underwriting services, underwriting authority for client companies, and manual rating. Additionally, she will expand Group Reinsurance Plus' capabilities and services in the areas of client book of business management, underwriting strategies for new and existing business, and quality assurance and compliance.

Also, Jonathan Bennett has been named senior vice president of the personal lines division in its property-casualty operations effective April 1. Bennett succeeds Paul Kennedy, who will retire from The Hartford. In his new position, Bennett will have oversight for the underwriting and development of The Hartford's auto, homeowners and other personal insurance products sold through independent insurance agents and affinity partners such as AARP.

## **National Life**

Thomas MacLeay has been named chairman and chief executive officer of the National Life Insurance Group in Montpelier, Vt., replacing Patrick Welch, who resigned last year to become president of CIGNA HealthCare.

National Life's board also announced that James Mallon has been named president and chief operating officer of the 153-year-old National Life Insurance Co., the group's flagship company.

MacLeay served as president and chief operating officer of National Life for five years, but left in 2001 to pursue other business ventures. He returned to the company on an interim basis following Welch's departure but said at the time he would not be a candidate for the permanent posts. MacLeay, a native of Windsor, Vt., has worked for National Life for 26 years.

Mallon has served as executive vice president and chief marketing officer since joining the National Life Group in 1998. Previously, he was president of Integon Life Insurance Co. of Raleigh, N.C. □