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J. Smith Lanier is adding health advocacy service

WEST POINT — J. Smith Lanier & Co., one of the nation's largest independently owned insurance brokers, has contracted with an independent health advocacy service as an optional feature for their health insurance plan offerings effective Jan. 1, 2006 for all new and renewing clients.

This new service will be provided by Health Advocate Inc., the nation's leading healthcare advocacy and assistance company, which currently serves more than 4 million members and more than 1,200 clients nationwide.

"Having access to Health Advocate's team of experts will be a major benefit for our business clients and their employees and families," said Philip Saussy, vice president of J. Smith Lanier & Co. "Healthcare issues are often complicated and time-consuming. The addition of Health Advocate will help our clients save time and money."

J. Smith Lanier & Co. insurance clients and their families will have unlimited access to Health Advocate's trained staff of Personal Health Advocates.