



As you know, Assurant became a publicly traded company on the New York Stock Exchange in February 2004. At the same time Assurant became a public company we changed our name from Fortis Family to Assurant Preneed. Although we changed our public name from Fortis Family to Assurant Preneed, we continue to use Fortis Benefits Insurance Company as our underwriting entity with the intent of changing that name once we receive all the necessary legal approvals. The purpose of this letter is to give you a brief update on our progress.

You may have noticed over the past year that our forms and applications have not changed from Fortis to Assurant Preneed. All of our forms and applications are regulated by the states. Our compliance team has been working diligently to get updated materials approved as part of the legal entity change. Once the legal entity change is complete, all of our paperwork will reflect the new legal entity name as well as Assurant Preneed.

We are now entering the final phases of that process and anticipate the change to our new legal entity name occurring in the fall of 2005. As we approach the completion of the process, you will receive further notifications regarding this change.

We will continue to update you on our progress and let you know when the new name will be appearing on our forms. We appreciate your support as we complete this transition.

If you have any questions, please call 1.800.PRENEED or contact your Assurant Preneed representative, Marketing Partner or General Agent.