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## **Bruce Walker Named Chief Financial Officer Of Nippon Life Benefits**

**NEW YORK – February 8, 2012** – [Nippon Life Benefits](#), one of the leading providers of employee benefit solutions, today announced that Bruce Walker, who has more than 25 years of finance experience, has been named Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer.

Walker will be responsible for Nippon Life Benefits' finance and treasury functions and will report to Chief Operating Officer Francine Young.

“Bruce Walker is an accomplished financial services executive who shares our commitment to delivering exceptional value and service to companies and their employees,” said Toshihiro Nakashima, President and Chief Executive Officer of Nippon Life Benefits. “Bruce’s experience and leadership strengthens our team and will enable Nippon Life Benefits to continue expanding to meet the growing demand from clients.”

Prior to joining Nippon Life Benefits, Walker worked for Guardian Life Insurance Company, as Chief Accountant, Group Insurance. Before that, he was Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer at Swiss Re Life and Health Canada, in Toronto, and served as Head of Financial Services at Swiss Re America Holding Corp., in Armonk, New York. Earlier in his career, Walker worked in the Financial Institution Practice of KPMG, in Canada and in Australia. He is a Chartered Accountant and a Certified Public Accountant. Walker earned a Bachelor’s degree in Business Administration from Brock University in Ontario, Canada.

Headquartered in New York, Nippon Life Benefits is the U.S. subsidiary of Nippon Life Insurance Company, one of the world’s largest mutual life insurance companies. Nippon Life Benefits offers competitively priced, comprehensive employee benefits programs tailored to the specific needs of companies across the U.S. Nippon Life Benefits has maintained an [AM Best](#) rating of A- (Excellent) since 2005.

### **About Nippon Life Benefits**

Nippon Life Benefits offers employee benefit programs to companies that value and respect their employees and invest in them accordingly. The company’s group insurance programs provide medical, life, dental, disability, vision, wellness and prescription drug benefits, as well as Health Reimbursement Arrangements (HRA), Flexible Spending Accounts (FSA) and Health Savings Accounts (HSA). Founded more than 20 years ago, Nippon Life Benefits has offices in New York, Atlanta, Chicago and Los Angeles. For information about Nippon Life Benefits, visit <http://www.nipponlifebenefits.com>.

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