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A.M. Best Withdraws and Consolidates Certain Methodologies

OLDWICK, N.J., October 19, 2011—A.M. Best Co. has removed the methodology, *Analyzing Securities Issued Under the U.S. Treasury's Capital Purchase Program* since the Capital Purchase Program is no longer being utilized by insurance companies rated by A.M. Best.

In addition, the following three life/health methodologies have been consolidated into *Understanding BCAR for Life and Health Insurers (September 20, 2011)*:

- *BCAR for Life and Health Insurers - Model Update 2006 (February 12, 2007)*
- *Update to BCAR for Life & Health Insurers (April 3, 2008)*
- *Review of BCAR Treatment for XXX Captives (November 13, 2006)*

A listing of all current methodologies can be found at www.ambest.com/ratings/methodology.

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