



## NEWS RELEASE

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### **EMC Insurance Companies and EMC National Life Ratings Affirmed by A.M. Best**

DES MOINES, Iowa (June 22, 2016) — The financial ratings of EMC Insurance Companies (EMC) and EMC National Life Company (EMCNL) were affirmed by A.M. Best, the insurance industry credit rating organization. EMC and its subsidiaries maintained the financial strength rating of A (Excellent) with a stable outlook, and EMCNL maintained the financial strength rating of A- (Excellent) with a stable outlook.

“The affirmations of our financial strength ratings for EMC and EMCNL reflect our dedication to continuous improvement,” says EMC President and Chief Executive Officer Bruce Kelley. “We’re developing and using new tools and maintaining strong relationships with our agents, which is what our 105-year-old foundation is built on.”

A.M. Best affirmed the financial strength ratings for EMC Insurance Companies (Employers Mutual Casualty Company and its six property/casualty subsidiaries) and for EMC Reinsurance Company (EMC Re). Best’s ratings and analysis assess the financial strength and creditworthiness of insurance companies.

According to the A.M. Best press release, “The ratings of EMC Insurance Companies and EMC Re reflect their excellent level of risk-adjusted capital, supportive earnings, consistently favorable loss reserve development and favorable core underwriting results, as well as the benefits these companies will continue to derive from management’s actions in recent years to improve pricing and risk selection, claims management and reserving methodology.”

In regard to the EMCNL rating, A.M. Best also stated, “The affirmation of EMCNL’s ratings reflects the company’s strategic importance in marketing life and annuity products to its parent’s property/casualty client base. EMCNL also benefits from the use of EMCC’s property/casualty distribution, shared services, such as investment management, common management, and explicit support from its parent when needed. The quality of EMCNL’s surplus is considered strong due to the overall good credit quality of invested assets, manageable financial leverage from preferred stock, low use of reinsurance and no state-permitted or prescribed practices.”

To read more about the ratings of all of the EMC family of companies, read the [A.M. Best news release](#).

**About EMC Insurance Companies**

EMC Insurance Companies is among the top 50 insurance organizations in the country based on net written premium, with more than 2,100 employees. The company was organized in 1911 to write workers' compensation protection in Iowa. Today, EMC provides property and casualty insurance products and services throughout the United States and writes reinsurance contracts worldwide. Operating under the trade name EMC Insurance Companies, Employers Mutual Casualty Company and one or more of its affiliated companies is licensed in all 50 states and the District of Columbia. For more information, visit [www.emcins.com](http://www.emcins.com) and [www.CountonEMC.com](http://www.CountonEMC.com).

**About EMC National Life Company**

EMC National Life Company (EMCNL), an affiliate of EMC Insurance Companies, is a life insurance company based in Des Moines, Iowa. Partnering with over 9,600 independent property/casualty and life agents, EMCNL offers quality life insurance products for the individual and workplace markets. Learn more at [www.emcnationallife.com](http://www.emcnationallife.com).

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