



## **IHC Announces Agreement to Sell Standard Security Life Insurance Company of New York to Reliance Standard**

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STAMFORD, Conn., April 15, 2021 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Independence Holding Company (NYSE: IHC) today reported its agreement to sell Standard Security Life Insurance Company of New York to Reliance Standard Life Insurance Company, a member of the Tokio Marine Group.

On April 14, 2021, Independence Holding Company (NYSE:IHC) ("IHC") and its wholly owned subsidiary Independence Capital Corp. ("ICC") entered into a Stock Purchase Agreement (the "Purchase Agreement") with Reliance Standard Life Insurance Company ("Reliance Standard") to sell all of the issued and outstanding capital stock of Standard Security Life Insurance Company of New York, an insurance company domiciled in the State of New York and wholly owned subsidiary of ICC ("Standard Security"), for an aggregate purchase price of \$180 million in cash. In addition, in accordance with the Purchase Agreement, at closing, Standard Security will make a dividend to ICC in an amount equal to the excess of the aggregate statutory capital and surplus of Standard Security as of the closing date over \$53 million. Standard Security had statutory capital and surplus of \$64.6 million at December 31, 2020. The closing of the transaction, the closing dividend and certain other items are subject to customary closing conditions including applicable regulatory approvals, one of which is the approval of the New York State Department of Financial Services.

Raymond James & Associates acted as financial advisor to IHC and both Dentons and Clifford Chance provided external legal counsel in connection with this transaction.

### ***About Independence Holding Company***

Through our subsidiaries, Independence Holding Company (NYSE: IHC) underwrites and distributes health, group disability and life, New York State DBL and paid family leave, and pet insurance. IHC underwrites policies in all 50 states, Washington D.C., Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands through our three carriers: Independence American Insurance Company, Standard Life Insurance Company of New York and Madison National Life Insurance Company, Inc. We also distribute products nationally through multiple channels, including our agencies, call centers, advisors, direct and affinity relationships, Web Broker, and web properties, including [www.healthdeals.com](http://www.healthdeals.com); [www.healthinsurance.org](http://www.healthinsurance.org); [www.medicareresources.org](http://www.medicareresources.org); [www.petplace.com](http://www.petplace.com); and [www.mypetinsurance.com](http://www.mypetinsurance.com). To learn more visit <https://ihcgroup.com/>.

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