

## **Lincoln Financial Group Names Katie Dunnington Vice President of Absence Management and Integrated Health Strategies**

Lincoln Financial Group today announced that Katie Dunnington has joined the company as Vice President of Absence Management and Integrated Health Strategies for its Group Protection business.

As Vice President of Absence Management and Integrated Health Strategies, Dunnington will provide leadership, analysis and consultative insight into Lincoln's current and future absence and leave management products and services as part of an overall integrated benefits management strategy. In this newly created role, Dunnington will also significantly contribute to the development and implementation of strategies that will address opportunities created by health care reform legislation, while integrating new concepts into current group benefit offerings.

Based in Hartford, CT, Dunnington will work collaboratively and leverage resources to build strong relationships with internal partners across Lincoln's Group Protection business. Dunnington reports to Eric Reisenwitz, Senior Vice President of Group Protection Market Solutions, Insurance and Retirement Solutions.

Prior to her role with Lincoln Financial, Dunnington served as Assistant Vice President, Absence & Productivity, at CIGNA. In this role, she led CIGNA's absence management and integrated Health and Productivity initiatives, building leave management solutions and integrating disability and absence management with medical, pharmacy, behavioral and health advocacy clinical services to help reduce absence and improve productivity and health outcomes. In addition, she developed and executed product strategies from idea generation to concept and business case development, then operationalized those strategies through the market introduction and on-going life-cycle management process.

"We know that employer groups are looking for carriers to support them by providing a total solution for both their disability and absence needs," said Reisenwitz. "Lincoln is committed to designing approaches to meet these needs - and bringing Katie onboard will enable us to further expand our presence in the absence and productivity management space. Our goal is to help employers better understand the absences impacting their bottom line and help facilitate their employees' safe and timely return to work experience, as well as maximize workforce productivity."

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