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# Ask The Experts: United A

Ask any financial adviser and he will tell you that a company's **Strength and Stability are the Single most important elements when Choosing an insurer**. The money a policyholder invests in insurance is useless if the provider is unable to pay a claim or, worse yet, goes belly-up. That's why ratings services are so important. **Competent and trusted ratings Services** provide consumers with up-to-date information on insurance companies that is of paramount importance. At United American, we are **proud to Show consumers our ratings** – and for good reason.

**United American earned straight AS** from the nation's leading financial rating services – A.M. Best, Standard & Poor's and Weiss Ratings Inc.

## A.M. Best

A+ Superior A.M. Best is recognized throughout the industry as the most widely used rating service.

Best recognized UA for 28 consecutive years of overall company stability. Superior companies are defined by A.M. Best as having achieved superior overall performance when compared to Best's standards. These companies have a very strong ability to meet their policyholder and other contractual obligations over the long term.

STANDARD & POOR'S

AA Excellent As one of the nation's most respected economic analysts, S&P is one of the most credible ratings services.

Standard & Poor's recognized UA's claimspaying ability. Excellent companies are defined by Standard & Poor's as offering superior financial security. The capacity to meet policyholder obligations is strong for these companies under a variety of economic and underwriting conditions.

## WEISS RATINGS INC.

A- Excellent Many trusted publications have listed Weiss as the toughest of all ratings services.

Weiss Ratings recognized UA for its financial strength. Excellent companies are defined by Weiss Ratings as offering excellent financial security and having the resources necessary to deal with severe economic conditions. Check out what Weiss says about UA on the next page.

As of 3/00

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## Weiss Ratings Inc. Knows ...

### UA Received an A- Excellent Rating

Only 9 percent of all Medicare Supplement providers were bestowed an Excellent (the highest possible rank) Safety Rating

### UA was named as a Weiss Recommended Company

82 other Med-Supp providers failed to meet the financial rating standards necessary to even be recommended

### Here, in its words, is what Weiss Ratings Inc. says about United American's financial stability:

Good overall results on stability tests. Strengths that enhance stability include **excellent operational trends** and **excellent risk diversification**. Good liquidity with **Sufficient resources** to

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"Some industry experts [say] ... the older ratings agencies are far too close to the companies they review. ... Mr. Weiss is one of the industry's few tough critics." - The New York Times "Weiss' record of spotting weak insurers is so good compared with that of his competitors. ... **Insurance** buyers need look no further." - Worth