

# Standard Insurance appoints new head for Workplace Possibilities program

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Standard Insurance Company, a subsidiary of StanCorp Financial Group, has appointed Michael Klachefsky as new national practice leader for its Workplace Possibilities program.

In his new role, Klachefsky will work with The Standard's Insurance Services Group and corporate marketing team to promote and enhance the Workplace Possibilities program.

The insurer said that he will represent the company at conferences, workshops and other events that concentrate on disability management topics.

He also will work with employers and the broker community to help The Standard respond to marketplace needs and trends by continuing to evolve and design creative disability management solutions.

Prior to joining The Standard, Klachefsky worked as a national absence management leader in Mercer's Total Health Management Practice, where he led a team of five consultants across the country helping employers reduce the cost and impact of poor health, absence and disability.

Before that, Klachefsky worked for The Standard from 2005 to 2007 as assistant vice president for managed disability programs and services.

The Standard director of National Partnerships Bob Tagmyer said Michael brings more than 30 years in the absence management and productivity industry, and the company looks forward to utilizing his insight and experience to make the disability management offering even stronger.

Workplace Possibilities is a proactive approach to helping employers prevent and manage disability in the workplace.