

WellPoint Joins 100,000 Jobs Mission Pledging to Hire Veterans

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WellPoint, Inc. (NYSE: WLP) announced today that it has joined the 100,000 Jobs Mission, a coalition of major corporations that have jointly committed to hiring 100,000 transitioning service members and military veterans by 2020. As the first health benefits company to join the coalition, WellPoint has made a commitment to hiring veterans and to helping those returning to civilian life find employment and transition into the next phase of their lives. For the period ending March 2012, [the Bureau of Labor Statistics reported](#) that the jobless rate for post-9/11 veterans was 10.3 percent. 834,000 veterans remain unemployed.

"Our country's veterans deserve more than just our respect – they deserve our support in helping them return to the civilian workforce," said Linda Jimenez, WellPoint's chief diversity officer and vice president, diversity and inclusion. "WellPoint is committed to supporting veterans through our partnership with the 100,000 Jobs Mission and other outreach efforts."

Enlisting in the 100,000 Jobs Mission advances WellPoint's objective of hiring military veterans. In fact, the company has been named to *G.I. Jobs* magazine's Top 100 Military Friendly Employers® list for the past three years. The Veterans' Organization of WellPoint (VOW) employee resource group plays a valuable role in building a workplace culture that embraces employees and family members who have military experience. The company donates \$50,000 annually to the USO, and WellPoint employees put together care packages for deployed military personnel.

In addition, our Life and Disability Insurance companies further demonstrate WellPoint's commitment to helping disabled veterans live active lives through sponsorships of sporting opportunities run by The Wounded Warrior Disabled Sports Project™.

To meet its commitment to 100,000 Jobs Mission, WellPoint will recruit veterans by attending job fairs and other veteran hiring events across the country, by posting jobs on Transition Assistance Online (TAOnline.com), -- the largest source of transition information, jobs and tools for separating military) -- as well as HireVeterans.com and other online veterans job sites.

"Our goal is to support veterans within our communities and within our company," said Randy Brown, WellPoint's executive vice president and chief human resources officer. "I am proud to be part of an organization that stands behind its mission: To improve the lives of the people we serve and the health of our communities. I believe we can truly make a difference with our support of the 100,000 Jobs Mission."

For more information about the 100,000 Jobs Mission or upcoming hiring events, visit www.100000jobsmission.com.

About WellPoint, Inc.

WellPoint works to simplify the connection between Health, Care and Value. We help to improve the health of our members and our communities, and provide greater value to our customers and shareholders. WellPoint is one of the nation's largest health benefits companies, with 34 million members in its affiliated health plans, and a total of more than 65 million individuals served through its subsidiaries. As an independent licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association, WellPoint serves members as the Blue Cross licensee for California; the Blue Cross and Blue Shield licensee for Colorado, Connecticut, Georgia, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Missouri (excluding 30 counties in the Kansas City area), Nevada, New Hampshire, New York (as the Blue Cross Blue Shield licensee in 10 New York City metropolitan and surrounding counties and as the Blue Cross or Blue Cross Blue Shield licensee in selected upstate counties only), Ohio, Virginia (excluding the Northern Virginia suburbs of Washington, D.C.), and Wisconsin. In a majority of these service areas, WellPoint's plans do business as Anthem Blue Cross, Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Georgia, Empire Blue Cross Blue Shield, or Empire Blue Cross (in the New York service areas). WellPoint also serves customers throughout the country as UniCare and in certain California, Arizona and Nevada markets through our CareMore Health Group, Inc. subsidiary. Additional information about WellPoint is available at www.wellpoint.com.

For more information about WellPoint's diversity and corporate responsibility efforts, see the company's

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