WellPoint Recognized as Top 100 Military Friendly Employer® by G.I. Jobs. Tuesday, November 13, 2012 02:00:00 PM (GMT)

WellPoint (NYSE: WLP) announced today that it has been designated a 2013 Top 100 Military Friendly Employer® by *G.I. Jobs*. This marks the fourth year WellPoint has been included in the Top 100 Military Friendly Employers® list, which was compiled from a survey sample of 5,000 companies whose annual revenues exceeded \$500 million. Criteria for selection to the Top 100 list included the strength of company military recruiting efforts, the percentage of new hires with prior military service, retention programs, and company policies on National Guard and Reserve service.

WellPoint's company profile, including open positions, can be found on MilitaryFriendly.com. Using the priority data engine on MilitaryFriendly.com, job seekers are able to view the ranked Top 100 employers compiled according to list methodology as well as design their own custom lists according to their preferences. Custom, user-directed lists can then be saved and shared socially, allowing each job seeker to find their unique #1 Military Friendly Employer®.

WellPoint was recognized for its support to military veterans and National Guard and Reserve members through targeted recruitment and retention efforts. Through partnerships with such campaigns as "100K Jobs Mission" and "Hero.Health.Hire" WellPoint proactively reaches out to talented military candidates who want to transition to civilian jobs. Most importantly, in collaboration with its Veterans Organization of WellPoint (VOW), WellPoint focuses on effectively on-boarding individuals with military background into the corporate environment and on providing them and their family members with opportunities for networking and career development.

"Because we recognize and value the common traits shared by those who have worn our country's uniform, WellPoint is committed to hiring and retaining veterans who are innovative, adaptable leaders, team builders and team players," said Linda Jimenez, chief diversity officer and vice president, diversity inclusion. "We are honored by this recognition as it is a testament to our long-standing commitment to a diverse and vibrant workforce."

Now in its 10th year, the Top 100 Military Friendly Employers® list is the premier resource for transitioning service members and spouses seeking civilian employment. The survey results that determined the 2013 list were independently tested by Ernst & Young LLP based upon the weightings and methodology established by *G.I. Jobs*. Each year companies taking the survey are held to a higher standard than the previous year via improved methodology, criteria and weightings developed with the assistance of an Advisory Board consisting of leaders in the military recruitment community. A full list of board members can be found at www.MilitaryFriendly.com/board.

About WellPoint, Inc.

At WellPoint, we believe there is an important connection between our members' health and well-being—and the value we bring our customers and shareholders. So each day we work to improve the health of our members and their communities. And, we can make a real difference since we have more than 33 million people in our branded health plans, and approximately 64 million people served through our 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 and 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 subsidiary. Our 1-800 CONTACTS, Inc. subsidiary offers customers online sales of contact lenses, eyeglasses and other ocular products. Additional information about WellPoint is available at www.wellpoint.com.

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