

***Company receives distinguished Sam H. Jones Award at 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Mayor's Celebration of Diversity Awards***

WellPoint, Inc. announced today that it was awarded the Sam H. Jones Award at the 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Mayor's Celebration of Diversity Awards. The awards are presented to businesses and organizations throughout Marion County that embrace and celebrate diversity and inclusion.

WellPoint received the special Sam H. Jones Award, named in honor of the first president of the Indianapolis Urban League who was a tireless advocate for peace justice and racial understanding. The award recognized the company for their exemplary performance in community relations, supplier diversity, leadership development and workforce diversity.

"As a company that calls Indianapolis our hometown, we are very proud to be members of this community," said Karin Sarratt, vice president, talent management and chief diversity officer at WellPoint. "We know how important it is for our business to make a positive impact on this community and many of our diversity partnerships and the efforts of our associate resource groups are focused on Indianapolis; receiving the Sam H. Jones Award is a privilege and testament that we are indeed leaving a positive legacy in our diverse and rich community."

**About WellPoint, Inc.**

WellPoint is one of the nation's leading health benefits companies. We believe that our health connects us all. So we focus on being a valued health partner and delivering quality products and services that give members access to the care they need. With more than 67 million people served by our affiliated companies including approximately 36 million enrolled in our family of health plans, we can make a real difference to meet the needs of our diverse customers. We're an independent licensee of the Blue Cross and Blue Shield Association. We serve members as the Blue Cross licensee for California; and as 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 most of these service areas, our 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). We also serve customers in other states through our Amerigroup, CareMore and 1-800 CONTACTS, Inc. subsidiaries. To find out more about us, go to [wellpoint.com](http://wellpoint.com).

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