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## Armed Forces Insurance Employees Enroll in Access Option

**W**ith the recent enrollment of Armed Forces Insurance employees, we wanted to take this opportunity to present an overview of Premier Blue Access Option and summarize some of the advantages of Premier Blue Access Option.

Premier Blue Access Option is designed to recognize changes in consumer demands for more freedom of choice, and offer alternatives to traditional PPO and HMO programs. Premier Blue Access Option is a Premier Blue product offered to employers who are seeking an alternative HMO product, but value the Premier Blue Network and the care coordination through a primary care physician (PCP).

With Premier Blue Access Option, patients may access any contracting Premier Blue referral provider directly and receive the highest benefit level without the need of an authorized referral from their PCP. Patients may obtain care from a provider outside of the Premier Blue network, but at reduced benefits.

### Advantages of Premier Blue Access Option:

- Reduced administration since providers are not required to write referrals.
- Fee-for-Service reimbursement (no PCP capitated services).
- No change to the current Premier Blue fee schedule.
- Patients have access to any provider within the Premier Blue network without a referral.
- Patients obtain the highest benefit level when they stay within the Premier Blue Network.
- Optional PCP designation and coordination continues to be encouraged.

If you have additional questions concerning Premier Blue Access Option coverage, please contact our Benefit Information Customer Service Center in Topeka at 785-291-4183 or 1-800-432-0272.