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## **RESERVISTS RECEIVE IMMEDIATE COVERAGE UPON RETURN** *Commissioner Praeger Reminds Employers/Insurers of Obligations*

Kansas Insurance Commissioner Sandy Praeger wants to assure military reservists who are being called up for active duty that they will be eligible for immediate health insurance coverage when they return to their civilian jobs. Some companies have a waiting period to begin health insurance—but service members, who had health insurance with their employer before reporting for active duty, are not subject to any delays.

“We’ve received a few calls from military reservists who are concerned about temporarily losing insurance coverage when returning to work after serving their country,” said Praeger. “These men and women—and their employers—should be reminded that they are protected under the Uniformed Services Employment and Reemployment Rights Act. This act guarantees that a service member’s health insurance will be restored immediately upon their return to work, without any exclusions or waiting periods.”

Commissioner Praeger is urging reservists who have any questions about their rights and protections to call the Veterans’ Employment and Training Service (VETS) at their toll-free number 1-866-4-USA-DOL or 202-693-4701.

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