

## **Special Dependent Enrollment**

*Under Illinois House Bill HB5285, beginning July 1, 2009 through September 30, 2009, you are able to elect coverage for qualifying children up to age 26 or up to age 30 for military veteran dependents.*

### **What Dependents are Eligible?**

**Non-Military Dependents** who are not married and under the age of 26. No longer do your dependents need to be full time students nor do they need to be living with you.

**Military Veteran Dependents** who are IL residents, not married, under the age of 30 and meet the following criteria:

- Served in the active or reserve components of the U.S. Armed Forces, including the National Guard.
- Received a release or discharge other than dishonorable discharge.
- Must submit proof of services using a DD2-14 (Member 4 or 6) form.

### **Will my child have pre-existing condition limits?**

Yes, if your child has not had credible coverage for the prior 365 days or has had a break in coverage for more than 63 days.

If your child had credible coverage for less than 365 days and has not had a break in coverage for more than 63 days, they will have their 365 day pre-existing condition limit reduced by that amount of time.

### **Can BlueCross BlueShield decline coverage for my child?**

No, during this **Special Dependent Enrollment** period BlueCross BlueShield cannot decline coverage due to your child's health status, or enrollment in an educational institution.

### **My child graduated from school in December 2008 and has not had coverage since. Can I add them to the plan now?**

Yes, you can add your child now as long as they meet the criteria listed above. Because your child has had a break in coverage of more than 63 days they would be subject to the 365 day pre-existing condition limit.

### **When will coverage begin for my child?**

If you enrollment form is handed in on or before July 1, 2009, it will begin on July 1, 2009.

After July 1, 2009 the coverage will begin the first of the month following receipt of the enrollment form.

**If the form is not in the district office by September 30, 2009 you will need to wait till open enrollment to add your child.**