

Preferred Risk Administrators

**EMPLOYER APPLICATION
For Self-Funded Health Plans**

HOME OFFICE USE ONLY: Group Number: _____

Instructions for completing this agreement:

- 1) The employer or employer representative complete the entire Application form with signature.
- 2) The agent must sign and date this agreement.
- 3) A signed copy of the proposal/quote must accompany this submission.
- 4) The first month's premium made payable to Preferred Risk Administrators must accompany this submission.

Requested Effective Date: ____/ __01 / ____

1. Company Name: _____
Full Legal Name of Company

SECTION A – EMPLOYER INFORMATION

2. Street Address: _____ Mailing Address: _____
(if different)

3. City, State, Zip: _____

4. Phone Number: (____) _____ Fax Number (____) _____

5. Contact Person and Title: _____

6. E-mail Address: _____

7. Owner(s) Name(s): _____

8. Nature of business/articles sold, manufactured, or service rendered: _____

9. Type of Ownership/Filing Status: Proprietorship Partnership C-Corporation
 S-Corporation Government Agency/Entity Other (specify)

10. Federal Tax Identification Number: _____

11. How long has this company been in business? _____

12. Does your company have more than one Federal Tax Identification Number or associated business organizations (i.e., parent-subsidiary, brother-sister relationships, affiliated groups, etc.) and/or have more than one physical location? Yes No
If "Yes", complete the following. Indicate the number of Full-time and Part-time employees whether they are enrolling or not.

Business Name	Address	Nature of Business	Business Relationship	Tax ID #	# FT	# PT

13. Employer contribution to premium (must be a minimum of 50% of employee's premium): Medical %

14. Waiting/Affiliation Period (the length of time future employees must be employed before becoming eligible for coverage):

- 0 days
- 30 days
- 60 days
- 90 days
- 180 days

15. Are you waiving the waiting/affiliation period for all employees enrolling for the group's original effective date? Yes No

SECTION B – BENEFIT INFORMATION

1. Will this plan replace other group coverage?..... Yes No
 If "Yes", please provide 12 months of information below and provide a copy of the most recent billing for medical.

<u>Prior Medical Carrier(s)</u>	<u>Policy Number</u>	<u>Effective Date (MM/DD/YYYY)</u>	<u>Termination Date (MM/DD/YYYY)</u>	<u>Major Medical Plan</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
_____	_____	_____	_____	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

2. Will you be or are you offering another group plan in addition to this group plan? Yes No
 If "Yes", please provide carrier name and effective date: _____

3. In accordance with your stop loss policy, for a given policy period, you are entitled to receive any balance remaining in your claim fund after expiration of the run-out period. Please indicate how you would like to receive this balance:
- Option 1: Apply this money to pay for your monthly bills for subsequent plan years. (Note, this option will not apply if you do not continue the Program.)
 - Option 2: Receive all of the money back in a check from us.

If Option 2 is checked, you acknowledge and agree to the terms outlined in the attached Claims Refund Agreement.

NOTE: If no option is checked, your election will default to Option 1. Any election will remain in effect for any and all subsequent policy periods, unless this election is revised in writing before the end of the applicable policy period.

4. Please select your Run-out Period. 3 months 6 months
 If not selected, a 6 month Run-out Period will apply.

5. Do you currently have a third party company providing your COBRA administration? Yes No
 If "Yes", will Preferred Risk Administrators replace your current COBRA administrator? Yes No

SECTION C – WORKERS’ COMPENSATION INFORMATION

Name of Worker’s Compensation Carrier: _____

Policy and Phone Number: _____

Do you provide Workers’ Compensation for all employees?..... Yes No
 If "No", list employees not covered.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title (Owner, Partner, Officer, etc.)</u>	<u>Reason Not Covered</u>
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

SECTION D – EMPLOYEE INFORMATION

All eligible full-time employees, including those in the new employee waiting/affiliation period, must submit an Enrollment Form or a Waiver of Coverage Form. If additional employees are hired between the date this application is completed and the date coverage is issued, completed Enrollment Forms or waiver of Coverage Forms must be submitted within 5 days of date of hire.

1. Total number of employees (including owners, partners, etc.) working in your business? _____
2. How many are full-time employees? _____
3. How many are part-time employees? _____
4. Are any former employees or dependents on or eligible to elect continuation (COBRA or other)? Yes No

<u>Name</u>	<u>Start Date</u>	<u>End Date</u>	<u>Type of Continuation</u>	<u>Reason</u>
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

5. Are any employees currently absent due to illness or injury, family medical leave, or receiving disability benefits? Yes No

If "Yes", give names and details. _____

Eligible Employees

An eligible employee must meet the following requirements: a) performs services on a full-time basis; b) be considered an employee for federal employment tax purposes at any of the employer's business establishments; c) be 18 years old; d) be a United States citizen or a legal alien who possesses a green card; e) have a social security number; and f) reside in the United States.

A partner, proprietor or corporate officer of the employer is eligible if he/she performs services for the employer on a full-time basis at any of the employer's business establishments.

The term "Employee" does not include: a) retirees or employees who are not expected to perform any duties, responsibilities or services for the employer; or b) "part-time" employees; or c) any "seasonal" or "temporary" employees who work only part of the calendar year on the basis of natural or suitable times or circumstances.

The Employer may select the number of hours (between 20 and 40) an employee must work each week in order to be considered full-time and eligible for coverage. If the employer does not select a full-time eligibility requirement, eligibility will be administered based on 30 hours per week. If you would like to select a full-time eligibility requirement other than 30 hours per week, please indicate the number of hours in the space provided _____ (between 20 and 40 hours per week).

List all eligible employees below, as defined above, whether or not enrolling

Employee Name	E = Enrolling W = Waiving	Employee Name	E = Enrolling W = Waiving
1.)		11.)	
2.)		12.)	
3.)		13.)	
4.)		14.)	
5.)		15.)	
6.)		16.)	
7.)		17.)	
8.)		18.)	
9.)		19.)	
10.)		20.)	

If additional space is needed, provide additional information on another sheet of paper.

SECTION E – AGREEMENT

The employer hereby applies for services furnished in association with the Preferred Risk Administrators Self-Funded Health Plans ("The Program"). The Program includes a stop loss insurance policy underwritten and issued by [stop loss carrier] and services including underwriting and risk management enumerated under a separate Risk Management Services Agreement and the access to a licensed third party administrator for plan administration offered at preferred pricing. Participating employers receive access to services to assist in creating and maintaining an employee welfare benefit plan under the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (ERISA), unless the plan is specifically exempt from the terms of ERISA. For purposes of this agreement, the participating employer acknowledges and accepts full and complete responsibility for the operation, administration, and maintenance of its group health plan in a prudent and diligent manner in the interest of the plan participants and beneficiaries. Unless the group health plan is specifically exempted, the participating employer also agrees to comply with the fiduciary, reporting, and filing requirements of ERISA and to act in accordance with the duties and obligations set forth under ERISA, this agreement and any other applicable state or federal laws or regulations. The participating employer agrees to be solely responsible for compliance with all laws, including the payment of any required benefits that are not covered as illustrated in the Summary Plan Description or the stop loss policy. The employer further understands and agrees that: (1) services under the Program and the cost of providing those services may change; (2) those subject to evidence of eligibility must receive prior approval by [stop loss carrier] at its home office before coverage becomes effective; (3) no services under the Program will become effective until the first full invoiced amount has been paid; (4) the cancelled check tendered as the first payment will be a receipt for deposit; (5) the Program may be discontinued or terminated by [stop loss carrier] or the employer under certain circumstances identified in the stop loss policy, the Summary Plan Description and any additional Program agreements; (6) a minimum of 50% contribution toward the employee cost of coverage is required; (7) all employees currently working for the employer are compensated in a manner that complies with all applicable federal and state requirements; (8) only eligible employees and their dependents are allowed to enroll; (9) all eligible employees must enroll now and in the future according to the participation rules of [stop loss carrier] and that coverage may be terminated if the percentage falls below the participation requirements; (10) [stop loss carrier] reserves the right to request a state wage and tax statement or other documentation at any time to verify current and future participation and eligibility; (11) I also understand that the monthly maximum cost is subject to change until all of the following have occurred: (a) the stop loss coverage has been approved by [stop loss carrier]; (b) notice of effective date has been furnished by [stop loss carrier]; and (c) the first invoiced amount due for premium and services provided under the Program is paid; (12) I understand that the failure to pay the monthly invoiced amount in a timely manner will result in termination of the Program, including stop loss insurance and other Program services; (13) I understand that I must give notice to the third party administrator within 30 days of any participating employee who ceases working the established eligible hours as defined on this application, including, but not limited to those on paid or unpaid leave, disability, salary continuation or worker's compensation. Any person who, with intent to defraud or knowing that they are facilitating against [stop loss carrier] in submitting an application form or claim containing a false or deceptive statement, may be guilty of insurance fraud as specified by any applicable State law.

The employer hereby agrees to be bound by all the terms and conditions of the Program. The participating employer understands that the benefits selected are reflected on the attached signed proposal which is part of this request for participation in the Program.

The Employer represents the following:

I have read the Program brochure, and any applicable supplements, and understand the Program and stop loss coverage they describe.

As the participating employer or the person acting with the authority of the participating employer, that this information is complete and true to the best of my knowledge and belief. The participating employer fully understands that coverage under the Program, and stop loss coverage, are not effective without the approval of [stop loss carrier]. It is further understood that no agent has the authority to alter or amend any Program agreements, the coverage's provided under the Program, or the stop loss policy, to adjust any claim for benefits, or to bind [stop loss carrier] by making any promise or representation.

I understand that any material misstatement and/or omissions may void or terminate participation in the Program, including stop loss coverage. By signing below, I certify that I have read the entire Employer Application, agree to all terms and conditions contained therein and that all information provided is true and accurate.

Signature of Employer _____ Title _____

Print Name of Employer _____ Date _____

SECTION F – AGENT CHECKLIST

1. Make sure all sections are fully completed
2. Include the following documents with your application:
 - Signed and dated proposal indicating stop loss and plan design options
 - Administrative Services agreement
 - Risk Management Services agreement
 - HSA Enrollment Form, if applicable
 - HRA Enrollment Form, if applicable
 - All eligible employee enrollment/waiver forms
 - Your last billing notice from your current carrier, if replacing coverage
 - Any state-specific forms
 - Employee network contract, if applicable
 - New York Surcharge Form
 - Quarterly State Wage and Tax report
3. Send a check for the first month's bill to:
Preferred Risk Administrators
6640 S. Cicero Ave.
Bedford Park, IL 60638
4. Send your completed application and other required documents directly to:
Preferred Risk Administrators
6640 S. Cicero Ave.
Bedford Park, IL 60638
Fax: 708-475-6120

Preferred Risk Administrators may request that the employer provide additional documentation (e.g. Payroll Records, Business License, etc.) during the underwriting process or at any time while coverage is provided by Preferred Risk Administrators to support that eligibility and participation requirements are met.

SECTION G – AGENT'S STATEMENT

I certify that all of the information contained in the Employer Application and any additional documents submitted are correct to the best of my knowledge. I have complied with all of the underwriting rules and have fully explained the Program and stop loss coverage to the employer.

Agent's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Print Agent's Name: _____

Agent #: _____

Agent's Address: _____

Agent's Phone #: () _____

Agent's City, State, Zip: _____

Agent's Fax #: () _____

E-mail Address: _____

Claims Refund Agreement

Addendum to the Preferred Risk Administrators Health Employer Application

At the end of your Plan's run-out period, you, the employer, may have an Excess Claim Fund Amount. This will occur if what you paid to Preferred Risk Administrators ("PRA") as part of your monthly bill to cover claims incurred during that Plan year exceeds the amount of claims processed by PRA for that same Plan year. Therefore, if the amount you paid to fund Plan year claims is more than the Plan year claims processed, you will have an Excess Claim Fund Amount.

You have two options as to how you may use these excess funds at the end of your run-out period:

1. You can have PRA apply the Excess Claim Fund Amount toward your future billing statements for the next plan year. Please note this election will not apply if you do not continue your Plan with PRA for another year; or
2. You can have PRA return the Excess Claim Fund Amount to you in the form of a check.

Preferred Risk's health employer application asks you to indicate which of the above two options you choose. Then, if you have an Excess Claim Fund Amount after your Plan's run-out period, PRA will apply these funds per the option you choose on your application.

If you select option #2 on your application, it is important that you understand, agree to, and acknowledge the following so that your use of the Excess Claim Fund Amount is done in accordance with the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA):

- You can attribute the Excess Claim Fund Amounts solely to contributions you, the employer, made to the plan and these funds are not "plan assets" as defined by ERISA and the applicable guidance there under.
- If you determine that these Excess Claim Fund Amounts are attributable to plan assets, whether in whole or in part, you agree to handle the Excess Claim Fund Amounts in accordance with the applicable rules and regulations of ERISA. That is, any and all amounts you determine to be plan assets must be used exclusively for the benefit of the Plan participants.
- The return of the Excess Claim Fund Amounts to you by PRA, at your request, does not constitute a breach of the Administrative Services Agreement by PRA.
- The return of the Excess Claim Fund Amount does not waive any obligation you or the Plan have under the Administrative Services Agreement to provide the necessary funds to pay any Plan claims incurred during the Plan year which would have been covered by this Excess Claim Fund Amount had it not already been returned to you. Should such a Plan year claim become payable after this Excess Claim Fund Amount was returned to you, it will be your responsibility to fund these claims upon request from PRA.

If no option is checked on your Employer Application, your election will default to Option 1. Any election will remain in effect for any and all subsequent Plan years, unless this election is revised in writing before the end of the applicable Plan year.