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## Groupe Mutuel expands its network with 900 partner pharmacies

**Martigny, 25 June 2024. Launched two years ago, the PrimaFlex alternative basic insurance model enables Groupe Mutuel policyholders to choose their first point of contact when seeking medical care: a family doctor, a telemedicine partner or a consultation in a pharmacy. For this third option, insureds may choose to visit new partner pharmacies, most of which are independent. Our network of partners now covers over half of the pharmacies in Switzerland.**

The PrimaFlex alternative basic insurance model is a flexible product that is much appreciated by Groupe Mutuel policyholders. In addition to being able to enjoy a number of deductible-free benefits (e.g. generic medicines or breast cancer screening), persons insured under this model have three entry points for accessing care in the event of an illness or health problems: the family doctor, the telemedicine partner or a pharmacy consultation.

For this third option, the 300,000 or so persons insured with PrimaFlex will now be able to visit new partner pharmacies, most of which are independent or belong to groups of independent pharmacies.

### A list of around 900 pharmacies

In addition to the partner pharmacies already included in the model (Amavita, Sun Store, Coop Vitality et Medbase), insureds who have signed up to PrimaFlex will now be able to visit other pharmacies. The new partner stores are mainly independent pharmacies, such as TopPharm and PharmOnline but also groups such as BENU and Pharmacie Populaire. Therefore, the new extended list will now include half of the pharmacies in Switzerland, i.e. around 900 pharmacies.

*“The decision to extend the PrimaFlex offer to other partner pharmacies, most of which are independent, will offer our insureds facilitated access and increased freedom and flexibility in managing their health”,* explained Thomas Boyer, CEO of Groupe Mutuel.

### Promoting the role of pharmacies in the health system

Promoting the importance of pharmacies in providing advice and care saves time and money for the public, and is an important way of curbing the rise in health costs. PrimaFlex insureds will have more freedom in their choice of pharmacies. They will be able to take advantage of free advice and examinations, such as in-depth interviews that can lead to a number of medicines being dispensed without a prescription, or screening for the risk of diabetes or cardiovascular disease.



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### About Groupe Mutuel

With over 2,800 employees across Switzerland, Groupe Mutuel serves more than 1.4 million individual customers and over 29,500 companies. As the only multiline insurer in Switzerland, Groupe Mutuel is the reference partner in the field of health and retirement benefits for private and corporate customers. Its turnover exceeds CHF 5.8 billion. Thanks to tailored solutions, whether in basic insurance (LAMal/KVG) or supplemental insurance (LCA/VVG), it is the third largest health insurer in Switzerland. Groupe Mutuel also offers an extensive range of products in individual retirement benefits and patrimony insurance. Based in Martigny, the insurer provides companies of all sizes with solutions for loss of earnings in the event of illness, accident insurance (LAA/UVG) and occupational pension plans (LPP/BVG). In the field of corporate health insurance, Groupe Mutuel is ranked fifth nationwide.