

| Broker (Arnel Associates LLC) | vs. | Direct (Any Carrier) |
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| Builds personal relationship with clients. | Customer Service | Random customer service representatives answer the telephone. |
| Shops the insurance market for the best rates on comparable products among all providers. | Rates | Shop for the best rates on products offered by the company. |
| You. | Loyalty | The insurance carrier. |
| More than four decades of combined experience. | Experience | Varies. |
| Works with all insurance carriers and shop all products. | Available Products | Varies. |
| Solves claims problems for you. | Claims Issues | Expect customers to solve their own problems. |
| Knows products from multiple insurance carriers. | Product Knowledge | Know their own products. |
| May not have all the answers, but can get them quickly—while you return to other matters. | Problem Resolution | Know their products, but sometimes miss the obvious and need supervisory help. |
| Always answers the phone immediately. | Efficiency | Telephone wait times vary. |