



Baldwin County Employer-Sponsored Wellness Program

NOTICE REGARDING THE 2024 WELLNESS PROGRAM

The Baldwin County Health Premium Incentive Program is a voluntary wellness program available to all employees covered under the Baldwin County Commission medical health insurance. If you choose to participate in the wellness program you will be asked to complete a voluntary health risk assessment or "HRA" that asks a series of questions about your health-related activities and behaviors and whether you have or had certain medical conditions (e.g., cancer, diabetes, or heart disease). You will also be asked to complete a biometric screening, which will include a blood test for glucose and lipid screenings. You are not required to complete the HRA or to participate in the blood test or other medical examinations.

Employees who chose to participate, *and completed*, the wellness program in 2023 will receive an incentive of **\$30.00 per month for single and family plans, for the plan year 2024**.

Employees who choose to participate, and complete, the wellness program beginning in 2024 will receive: **\$30.00 per month for single and family plans, for the plan year 2025**.

Although you are not required to complete the HRA or participate in the biometric screening, only employees who do so will receive the incentives.

The information from your HRA and the results from your biometric screening will be used to provide you with information to help you understand any current health problems, potential risk in the future, and will grade your cardiac health as a low, moderate, or high risk. Although you will no longer be required to attend the supervised health coaching sessions, coaching sessions are still available for employees who choose to participate.

If you are unable to participate in any of the health-related activities or achieve any of the health outcomes required to earn an incentive, you may be entitled to reasonable accommodation or an alternative standard. You may request reasonable accommodation or an alternative standard by contacting Bo Bonner at 251-937-0337 or bo.bonner@baldwincountyga.gov.

The program is administered per federal rules permitting employer-sponsored wellness programs that seek to improve employee health or prevent disease, including the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990, the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008, and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, as applicable, among others.



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Protections from Disclosure of Medical Information

We are required by law to maintain the privacy and security of your personally identifiable health information. Although the wellness program and Baldwin County Commission may use aggregate information it collects to design a program based on identified health risks in the workplace, Symbol Health Solutions will never disclose any of your personal information either publicly or to the employer, except as necessary to respond to a request from you for a reasonable accommodation needed to participate in the wellness program, or as expressly permitted by law. Medical information that personally identifies you that is provided in connection with the wellness program will not be provided to your supervisors or managers and may never be used to make decisions regarding your employment.

Your health information will not be sold, exchanged, transferred, or otherwise disclosed except to the extent permitted by law to carry out specific activities related to the wellness program, and you will not be asked or required to waive the confidentiality of your health information as a condition of participating in the wellness program or receiving an incentive. Anyone who receives your information for the purpose of providing you services as part of the wellness program will abide by the same confidentiality requirements. The only individual(s) who will receive your personally identifiable health information is (are) Symbol Health Solutions certified health coaches in order to provide you with services under the wellness program.

In addition, all medical information obtained through the wellness program will be maintained separate from your personnel records, information stored electronically will be encrypted, and no information you provide as part of the wellness program will be used in making any employment decision. Appropriate precautions will be taken to avoid any data breach, and in the event a data breach occurs involving information you provide in connection with the wellness program, we will notify you immediately.

You may not be discriminated against in employment because of the medical information you provide as part of participating in the wellness program, nor may you be subjected to retaliation if you choose not to participate.

If you have questions or concerns regarding this notice, or about protections against discrimination and retaliation, please contact Bo Bonner at 251-937-0337 or bo.bonner@baldwincountyal.gov.