#### **Wellness Coordinator Resources**

#### **Annual Reminders**

- Submit the Discount, Funding, and End of Year Confirmation Applications
- Promote the Dakota Wellness Program
- Carry out your planned wellness activities

#### **Monthly Reminders**

- Coordinator Webinars- last Tuesday of the month. Receive important updates about the wellness program and information about the next month's wellness materials and how to promote them in the workplace.
- Forward Employee Newsletters

Applications, timelines, past newsletters, webinars, wellness specialists contact info and services <a href="https://ndpers.nd.gov/employers/employer-resources/employer-based-wellness/">https://ndpers.nd.gov/employers/employer-resources/employer-based-wellness/</a>

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#### **Employee Resources**

- Dakota Wellness Benefit https://www.sanfordhealthplan.org/ndpersdakotawellnessprogram
- Exercise is Medicine https://www.sanfordhealthplan.org/exercise-is-medicine
- Diabetes Prevention Program (now virtual) <a href="https://www.sanfordhealthplan.org/diabetes-prevention">https://www.sanfordhealthplan.org/diabetes-prevention</a>
- Consults: Exercise, Nutrition, Stress, and Back Pain https://www.sanfordhealthplan.org/ndpers/dakotawellnessprogram
- Cook With Me: weekly cooking class on Facebook (Sanford Health Wellness and Lifestyle Medicine group): https://www.facebook.com/groups/SanfordHealthLifestyleMedicine
- Monthly Wellness Webinars: https://www.sanfordhealthplan.org/ndpers/dakotawellnessprogram
- Sanford Health Plan Customer Service: 1-800-499-3416
- Wellness Benefit Email: ndperswellness@SanfordHealth.org
- Fitness Reimbursement: https://nihcarewards.org/

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| January   | February  | March  |
| Wellness Benefit Resets 1/1.  | Feb 28: Discount/Funding Applications due to NDPERS.                        |  |
| Members should complete their   | pp.   |  |
| new health assessment in  |   |  |
| January.  |   |  |
| Redemption Center re-opens mid-month.   |   |  |
| Q1 Quarterly Wellness<br>Challenge (ex: Stress-Relief<br>BINGO)                           |   |  |
| April   | May   | June   |
|   | Walk at Work Day  | End of Employer Based Program, all activities must have  |
|   | Q2 Exercise Challenge (ex:  | been completed that were   |
|   | Marathon in a Month)  | included in the application.   |
|   | May 31: turn in end of year   |  |
|   | confirmation application  |  |
|   |   |  |
| July  | August  | September  |
| New Employer based program starts, including all activities approved in the discount app. | Annual Recharge Workshop  | Q3 Quarterly Wellness<br>Challenge (ex: Financial Fitness<br>BINGO)                                |
| October   | November  | December   |
|   | Q4 Quarterly Wellness<br>Challenge (ex: Fruits and<br>Vegetables Challenge) | Wellness Benefit ends for the year. Members must redeem all of their points by 12/31, 11:59 pm CT. |

# Recharge 2021 NDPERS Wellness Coordinators



## Wellness Team



Bismarck, ND



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Fargo, ND



Sioux Falls, SD

# Agency Wellness Program

Think about the last time you participated in an organized wellness activity...

What motivated you to engage in that activity?



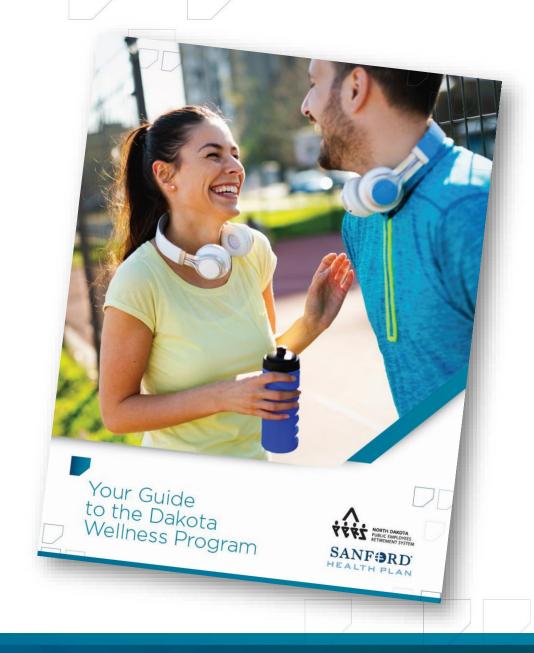
# Today's Agenda

- 1. Quick overview of the Dakota Wellness Program
- 2. Improve employee engagement in wellness programming
- 3. Expanded programming for chronic disease and employee well-being
  - Diabetes Prevention Programs
  - Exercise is Medicine
  - Virtual Consults
  - Virtual Presentations (NEW presentations)
- 4. Wellness program planning
- 5. Employer Based Wellness Program

# Dakota Wellness Program

#### How to earn your \$250 incentive

- There are 3 ways to earn your \$250
  - 1. Fitness center reimbursement
  - 2. Worksite events (vouchers)
  - 3. Online wellness portal
- You are required to take the annual health risk assessment in the wellness portal in order to redeem points or receive fitness payments
- Taxability
  - Administered by payroll













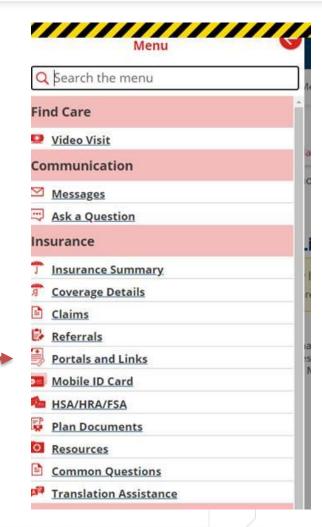




## Dakota Wellness Program **Get Started**

Step 1: Log in

- sanfordhealthplan.com/memberlogin
- If you do not have an account, select the "Request Access for Yourself" button
- Click on the "Menu" tab and select "Portals and Links"
- Click "Wellness Portal"



# Dakota Wellness Program

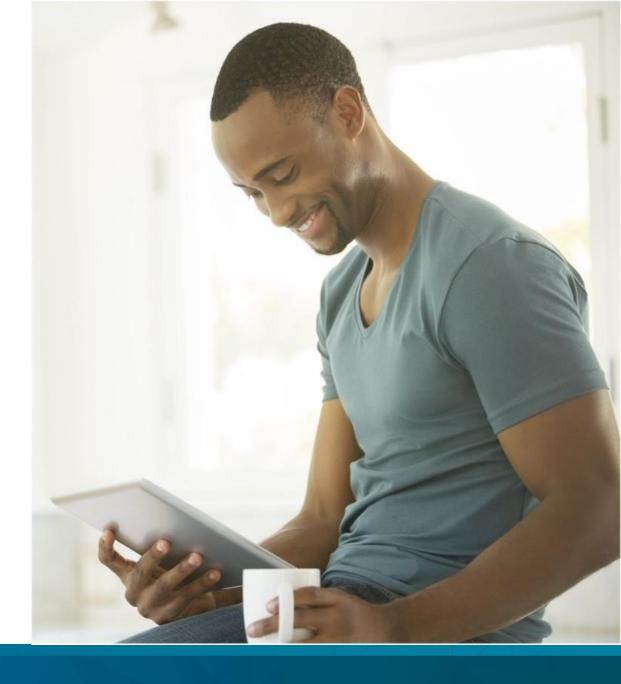
**Step 2:** Complete the health assessment

**Step 3:** Take a tour, points can be earned by logging healthy activities

 Don't forget to log high point items such as annual doctor and dental visits

**Step 4:** Earn your benefit: online, fitness reimbursements, worksite vouchers

Step 5: Redeem





#### Fitness Center Reimbursement

#### **Frequently Asked Questions**

The Fitness Center Reimbursement program provides up to \$20 monthly reimbursement when you use your fitness center at least 12 days per month.

#### How do I get started?

The fitness center reimbursement form is paperless. You can enroll and manage your account all online. To enroll for the first time, have your Sanford Health Plan member ID card and banking information on hand.

- Go to NIHCArewards.org and click "First Time Enrollment." Select Sanford Health Plan from the drop down menu.
- Search for your fitness center location by zip code. Select your center and click "Enroll Online." If your gym does not appear in the search results, try increasing the search radius.
- Agree to the terms of service, and then enter your contact, health plan and banking information.
- 4. Click "Submit" and you are enrolled.

#### How and when will I be reimbursed?

Most participants receive an automatic deposit into a bank account on or around the 21st of the following month. There is a monthly maximum reimbursement of \$40 per household [insured employee and spouse].

## Fitness Center Reimbursement

#### Overview

- Sign up to participate in the program
- Visit your local gym or fitness center a minimum of 12 days per month
- Receive reimbursement for your monthly membership fee, up to \$20 per month
- Direct deposits are made on the 21<sup>st</sup> of the month following workout month
  - Example: June workouts paid on July 21<sup>st</sup>

# Worksite Events (Vouchers)

#### Overview

- Participate in workplace events led by Sanford Health Plan's Wellness team or by an NDPERS Wellness Coordinator
  - Single day events 3,000 points
  - Multi-day events 6,000 points
- After the event, your wellness coordinator will distribute a voucher form
- Follow the instructions on the form to upload a copy to your online wellness portal
- Receive your points right away



### Earn Your Wellness Benefit Online

#### Challenges

- Steps
- Fruits & Vegetables
- Strength

#### Health trackers

- Latest Weight
- Low Calorie Snacks
- Cups of Water
- Aerobic Exercise

#### **Monthly Sessions**

- New topic released at the beginning of every month
- Features a game or quiz, reading material and a new habit to try out
- Includes topics like energy balance, fats and sleep

## Combine Points and Reimbursements

Combine your fitness center reimbursements with worksite events and wellness portal points to earn a maximum of \$250

#### Example

- Fitness center reimbursements: \$20 x 7 months = \$140
- Worksite event: 3,000 points = \$30
- Wellness portal: 8,000 points = \$80

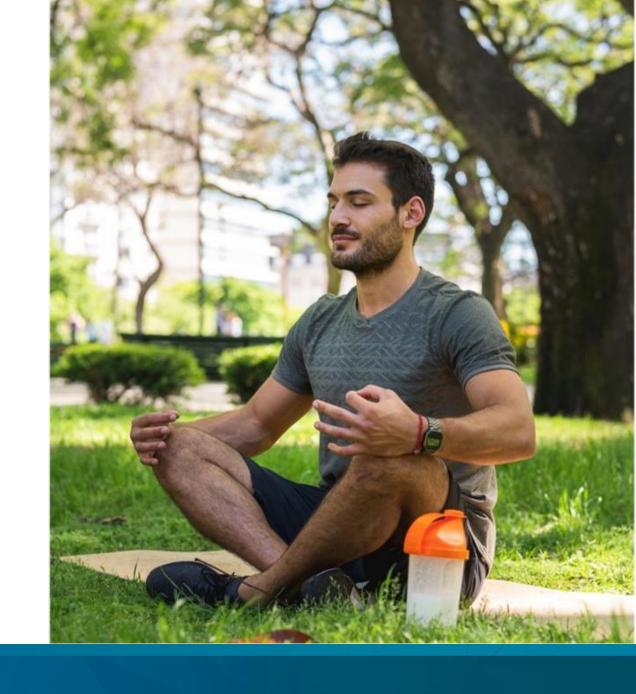


# Improve employee engagement in wellness programming at your workplace



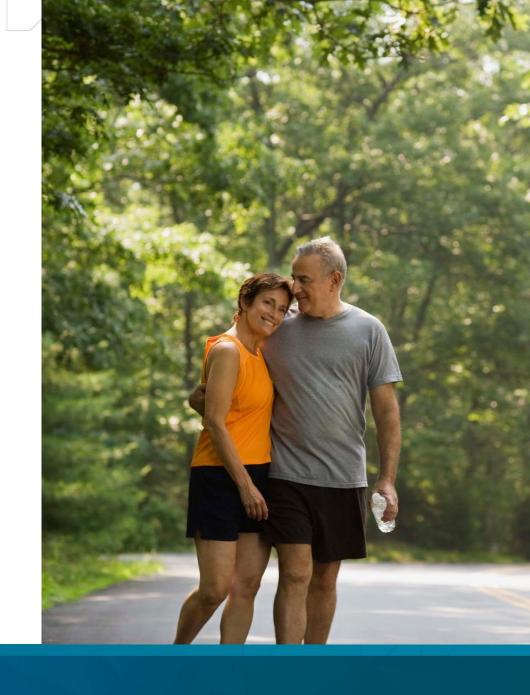
What wellness programming does your agency currently promote?

What wellness programming would you like to promote?



What is your average participation rate in wellness programming?

Why do you think this is?





# Gauge Interest

- Survey employees
  - What events are they interested in?
  - What topics are they interested in?
  - Which days and/or times would employees most likely attend?



# Survey your employees

- Set up a voting system to determine the top 3 topics employees would enjoy learning about.
- The Sanford Health team can help you create an interest survey, just ask!



# Survey your employees

- Look at past events to determine which have been successful.
- Ask employees about community or volunteer events during work meetings.





# Marketing wellness programming

# The recommended timeline for marketing includes:

- Distribute, announce, send out information about the training about <u>2-4 weeks</u> prior to the event
- Repeat information about the training <u>1</u> week prior to the event
- Remind and engage with a final reminder the day before the event

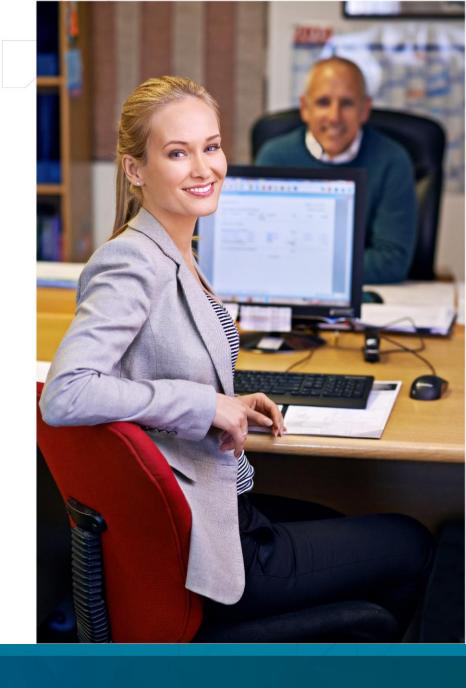
# Marketing well-being trainings

- Employees are more likely to view the training as valuable and be willing to attend if announcements encouragement comes from direct supervisors and/or senior leadership
- Remember to create value and urgency around attending
  - Limited spots available
  - Only 1 more week to sign up
- Encourage employees to take the post presentation survey to help us customize these presentations to your needs



# Incorporate Variety

- Screenings
- Monthly Webinars
- Wellness Training
- Cooking Classes
- Quarterly Wellness Challenges
- Wellness Portal



# Variety

What other wellness programming do you think employees would enjoy?



# Value and Engagement

- Give employees a compelling reason to participate
- Offer wellness programming in a group setting
- Usage of teams/groups in wellness programming to encourage teamwork and accountability



# Value and Engagement

- Offer wellness programming during work hours
- Wellness programming that involves the community
  - i.e. volunteering/ VTO
- Engage remote employees
- Make it the "easy" choice by cultivating a wellness-minded environment at the workplace



## Value and Engagement

How can you add value to your wellness programming in relation to employee wellness?



# Expanded programming for chronic disease and employee well-being



- 1 in 3 Americans have prediabetes
- 90% of people with prediabetes don't know they have it
- Up to 30% of people with prediabetes will develop type 2 diabetes within 5 years



#### What is it?

A research-based program focusing on healthy eating, physical activity and decreasing stress



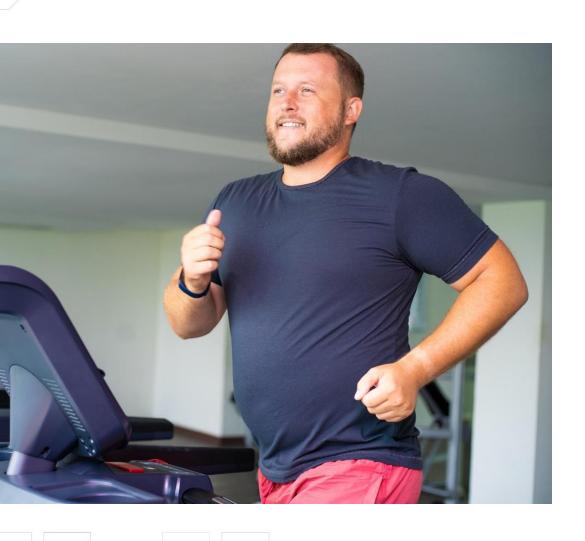
#### Why participate?

People with prediabetes who take part in a structured lifestyle change program can decrease their risk of developing type 2 diabetes by 58% (71% for people over 60 years old)

#### How is it put together

- CDC-approved curriculum with lessons, handouts, and other resources to help you make healthy changes
- A lifestyle coach, specially trained to lead the program, to help you learn new skills, encourage you to set and meet goals, and keep you motivated
  - The coach will also facilitate discussions and help make the program fun and engaging
- A support group of people with similar goals and challenges who work together, you can share ideas, celebrate successes, and work to overcome obstacles





#### Who is eligible?

- Age 18 years or older, not pregnant and not diagnosed with Type 1 or Type 2 diabetes
- Have a body mass index above 25

#### How do you qualify?

- Have had a recent blood test in the prediabetes range
- A history of Gestational Diabetes
- Assessed as having a high risk for type 2 diabetes on the <u>Prediabetes Risk Test</u>

#### **Time Commitment**

#### Four months

- Weekly, hour-long sessions
- Report nutrition and exercise information
- Weekly weigh-in

#### **Eight months**

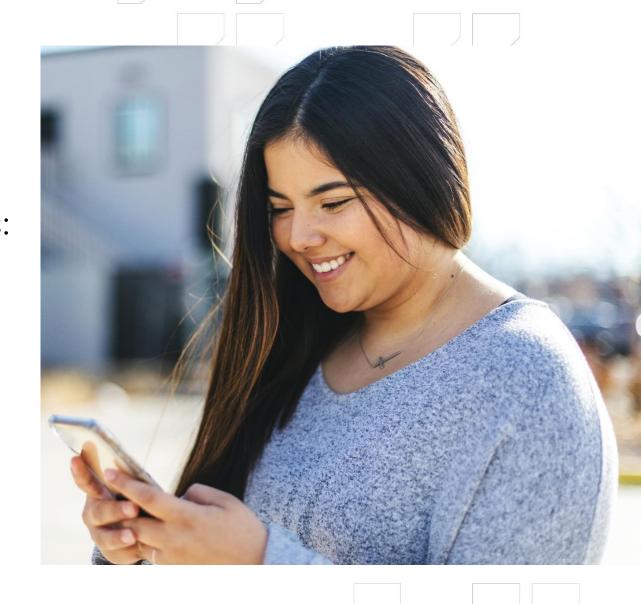
- Monthly, hour-long sessions
- Report nutrition and exercise information
- Monthly weigh-in



### Virtual Exercise is Medicine

### How can you qualify?

- 18 years or older
- One or more of the following conditions:
  - BMI of 30 or greater
  - Hypertension
  - Hyperlipidemia
  - Depression/Anxiety
  - Prediabetes
  - Type 2 Diabetes
  - Metabolic syndrome
  - Cancer





## Virtual Exercise is Medicine

\$99 for all qualifying participants
Participants must attend three live classes
each week

Once registered: WebEx link provided Check-in wellness coaching Fitness box delivered to home

- EIM workbook
- Healthy recipes cookbook
- Yoga mat
- Lacrosse ball
- Handled resistance band



## Exercise is Medicine

- 74% increase in physical activity (6-month post program)
- 63% of participants reported increased energy after the program
- 61% of participants said their awareness of eating healthy improved after the program
- 68% felt their confidence increased toward working out alone

## **Nutrition Consults**

- Free 30-minute free telephonic nutrition consults with a Registered Dietitian
- Personalized plan surrounding nutrition and how to adopt healthy eating habits into your routine
- Employee will receive a voucher form worth \$30 to redeem in the redemption center



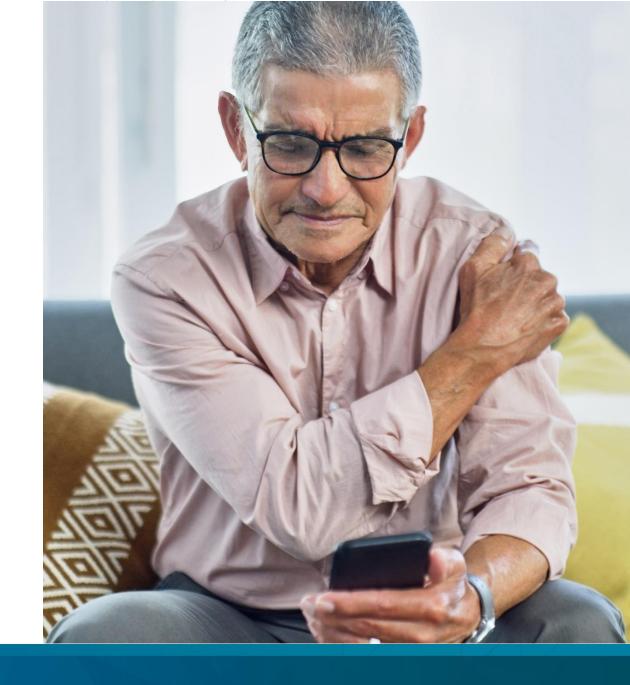


## **Exercise Consults**

- Free 30-minute free telephonic exercise consults with a exercise specialist
- Personalized exercise plan that takes into account current lifestyle, modifications and fitness status
- Employee will receive a voucher form worth \$30 to redeem in the redemption center

## Pain Consults

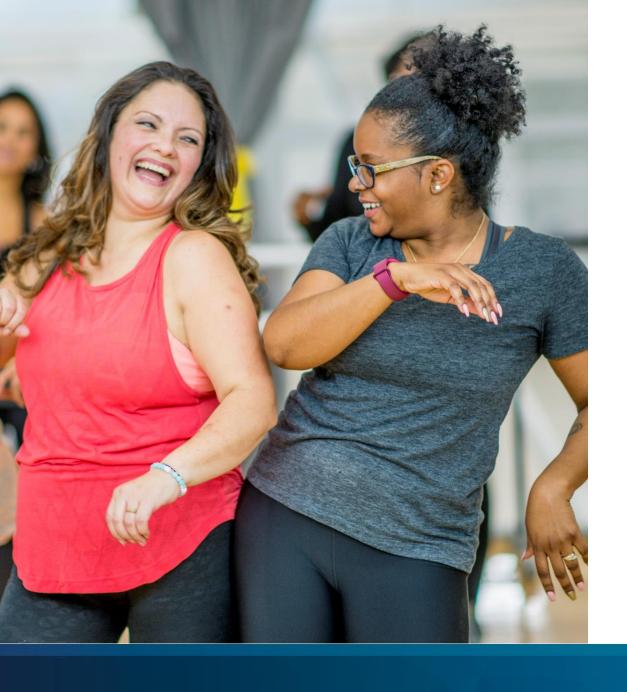
- Free 30 minute telephonic visit on self-care for pain
- Personalized plan that may include
  - Assessing lifestyle factors contributing pain and how to overcome
  - Techniques to prevent and relieve pain
- Employee will receive a voucher form worth \$30 to redeem in the redemption center



# Stress Management Consults

- Free 30 minute telephonic visit on how to identify stressors and manage them
- Personalized plan that may include
  - Identifying your sources of stress
  - Effective ways to increase recovery
  - Exploring ways to increase resiliency
- Employee will receive a voucher form worth \$30 to redeem in the redemption center





- Receive 1 point for every wellness training towards the 1% premium discount on your employer based wellness program
- Employees receive a voucher worth \$30 for participating in a wellness training
- Wellness trainings provide employees with up-to-date information on current health topics

## Body Mechanics and Posture

Build a solid foundation to energize movement and prevent injuries

#### Cancer Prevention

Review healthy habits to reduce risk for certain cancers and recommended screenings to catch cancer early

### Dakota Wellness Program

Engage employees in earning their \$250 wellness benefit

## Flourishing Financially

Review the ways your choices to spend or save impact overall well-being

#### Five Star Sleep

Learn to create healthy conditions that promote the rest and recharge we need to be safe and productive at work

## Get Moving at Work

Learn about the harmful effects sitting too often has on your health and how to add exercise to your workday

#### Gratitude

Create positive thoughts and actions using gratitude to improve your overall well-being

## Healthy Meals in a Hurry

Set yourself up for success to shop, plan and cook healthy meals

#### Love Your Job

Explore new ways to think about and cope with the same old hustle and bustle

### Make it Happen

Set yourself up for lasting change and create an action plan to reach your goals

## Mindful Eating

Break away from poor eating habits and establish a healthy relationship with food

#### Mindfulness

This four-week course offers an introduction to the foundations of mindfulness including stress reduction, self-awareness, focus and connectivity by practicing neuro-science based techniques

## Overcoming Stress

Review the sources of stress and techniques to reduce it

#### Quit Clinic

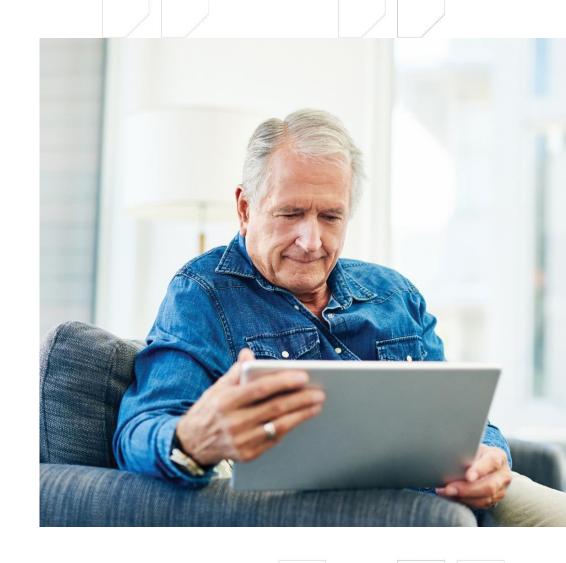
Jump-start your journey to being nicotine free by exploring ways to crush cravings and developing important skills for handling tough moments

#### Self-care for Pain

Develop a personal self-care plan to reduce and manage pain

## Well-being for Prevention

Discover what it means to thrive in all six areas of well-being and its impact on overall health





- Working from Home that Works
   Learn how to maximize productivity
   and work satisfaction by tweaking
   your work-from-home routine and
   environment.
- Exercise without perfection
   Create a sustainable exercise routine, that you enjoy.
- Nutrition and Hydration
   Learn about the food groups and how they impact your health.



## Cook with me

- Weekly classes on Facebook
- Focus on entrees, snacks, desserts and food hacks
- Ask questions and have them answered by Registered Dietitians
- Cook along with us: recipes and equipment needed are posted prior to class
- Anyone can join in







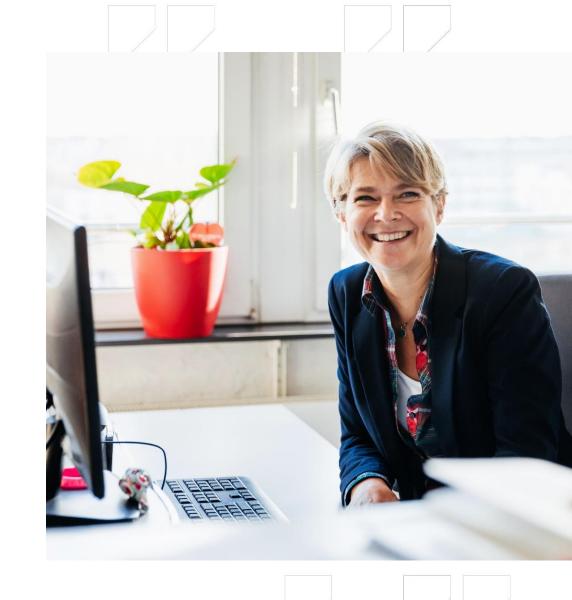
# Employer Based Wellness Program

Premium Discount and Program Funding



# Employer Based Program

- A Premium Discount and Wellness
   Program Funding can be awarded to agencies that carryout the NDPERS
   Employer Based Wellness Program
- Both applications are due Feb. 28 each year
- Program runs July 1- June 30
- Program confirmation: Due May 31





# Employer Based Program

# 1% Premium Discount 5 Points Required

## 1 point total for these steps

- Submit Commitment Agreement
- Appoint a Wellness Coordinator
- Attend an annual workshop

## 4 points for remaining program activities

- One Day Program: 1 point each
- Multi-Day Program: 2 points each
- Comprehensive Program: 4 points

# Employer Based Wellness Program Comprehensive Program (optional)

## Requirements to earn remaining 4 points:

- Form a wellness committee
- Develop wellness mission and goals that align with the organization's mission and goals
- Carry out specific initiatives to realize goal and mission
  - Monthly wellness activities
  - Kick-off or notification to employees
  - Educational materials
  - Follow up surveys and evaluation
  - Staff track their progress during initiatives as applicable



# Employer Based Program

## **Wellness Program Funding**

- Fee for presentations
- Ergonomics assessment
- Flu or tetanus vaccinations
- Screenings cholesterol, blood pressure, glucose
- Wellness fairs
- CPR training in conjunction with heart health awareness and education
- Self-defense

- New! Fitness equipment and health monitoring devices
- Hand sanitizer for a clean desk campaign in conjunction with cold or flu season for awareness/education
- Pedometers (reasonably priced) in conjunction with a walking program
- Wellness related books, videos for creating a wellness library at employer worksite

# Employer Based Program Year End Confirmation

- At the end of the program year, coordinators are required to submit a confirmation application
- Due May 31



# Wellness Program Planning



## Sanford Health Plan Resources

#### Monthly Wellness Coordinator Update

**Dakota Wellness Program** 





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## Coordinators

- Monthly Coordinator Webinar: Stay updated, learn how to implement new wellness topics into the workplace
- Monthly Wellness flyers
- Monthly Coordinator newsletter
- Assistance with workplace planning

#### Monthly Wellness Coordinator Update Dakota Wellness Program

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Physical activity Wellness Coordinator Announcements

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#### Monthly Book Club

The One-Minute Workout: Science Shows a Wan to Get Fit That's Smarter, Faster, Shorter by Martin Gibala

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Monthly Wellness Coordinator Webinar

4th Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m.

The April 27 webinar will include ideas for hosting a Walk@Work event and the upcoming Marathon in a Month Challenge

Register for the new meeting series

Monthly Observances Asthma and allergy Arthritis

**Blood pressure** Lupus Mental health Osteoporosis Sleep Skin cancer Stroke

9-15-Women's health 11-17-Bike to work

#### Workouts during work

Start Here: Master the Lifelong Habit of Wellbeing by Eric Langshur and Nate Klemp, PhD

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Ionthly Wellness Coordinator

4th Tuesday of the month at 10 a.m.

The March 23 webinar will include tools to create a culture of health to reduce employee burnout. We will also discuss ideas for hosting a Walk@Work event and Marathon in Month Challenge

Monthly Observances

Alcohol Autism ancer Counseling

-Alcohol screening -11—Public health 6—Healthcare decisions

#### Monthly Well-being Education Exercise during the workday

Building exercise opportunities into the employee workday will increase fitness, but most importantly, employees will be more happy and productive. Since we spend most of our waking hours tied to our desk, chair or focusing on work - the workplace environment can be the perfect place and time to incorporate physical activity. Even just 5 to 10 minute bouts of movement can be beneficial to health

Add the Dakota Wellness Program webpage to your employee communications in May for information and registration for

- . Free hour long Yoga Classes offered at 6 a.m., Noon and 4:30 p.m.
- . The Exercise is Medicine Program to help employees increase their exercise confidence and improve chronic health conditions
- Sign up for a one on one Exercise Consultation to help employees develop their plan for exercise during the workday and at home

Sanford Health Plan is also hosting other physical activity events in May including our 15-minute monthly webinar and the Marathon in a Month challenge, Attend the wellness coordinator webinar on April 27th for a detailed overview of all of our physical activity focused wellness program options.

#### Employee well-being training

Monthly webinar May 11 at 10 a.m.

This 15-minute LIVE webinar session will talk about the basics of exercising in a home gym. This webinar will be filmed in a very special, new location!

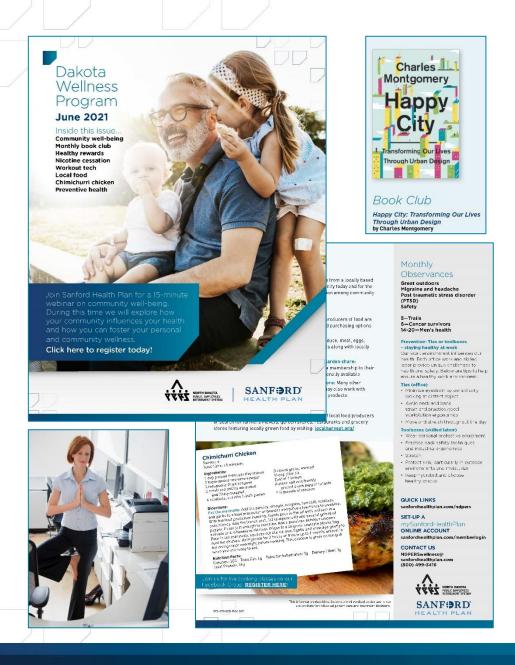
Employees who register and attend the live webinar will receive a voucher form from Sanford Health Plan for 3,000 points. Register now for the new monthly meeting series!

#### Promoting Physical Activity in the Workplace

#### Walk@Work: Plan your event and register for a gift card!

- Wellness coordinators are encouraged to plan a walking event for employees at home or in the workplace - choose any day(s) in May that work best for your employees
- Some ideas already submitted by registered wellness coordinators include: Photo contest or submission
- Tying the walk to an existing social caus Register your agency event with Sanford Health Plan and receive gift card code by April 30 to use as a prize drawing for participants who attend a
- · Voucher forms can be distributed to employees who participant in your Walk@Work event

Sanford Health Plan will also be releasing a special announcement from North Dakota leadership - please watch your inbox for information to share with



# Sanford Health Plan Resources

## **Members**

- Monthly newsletter, including a book club
- Monthly Member Webinar
- Live webinars, scheduled by agency
- Annual Walking Challenge
- Quarterly Wellness Challenge Toolkits
- Cook with Me
- Virtual Yoga

# Wellness Coordinator Role

- Collaborate
- Stay informed
- Spread the word



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