

Notice Regarding the Wellness Program

The University of Alabama in Huntsville “**Charger Fit**” Wellness Program is a voluntary wellness program available to all regular, full-time faculty and staff. The program is administered according to federal rules permitting employer-sponsored wellness programs that seek to improve employee health or prevent disease, including the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008 (GINA), and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), as applicable, among others. 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 voluntary biometric screening, which will include a blood test for **cholesterol and glucose**. You are not required to complete the HRA or to participate in the biometric screening or other medical examinations.

Tier 1 and Tier 2 incentives are available for faculty and staff who earn between 300 and 400 points by October 31, 2022 for participating in certain health-related activities like digital health programs, workshops, activity challenges and tracking. If you are unable to participate in any of the health-related activities required to earn an incentive, you may be entitled to a reasonable accommodation or an alternative standard. You may request a reasonable accommodation or an alternative standard by contacting Gilsbar Wellness at 888-472-4352.

However, faculty and staff who choose to participate in the wellness program will earn Tier 1 and/or Tier 2 incentives in accordance with the wellness program described below.

February 1, 2022 – October 31, 2022

Complete the biometric screening by October 31, 2022 and receive a \$50 gift card.

Tier 1 incentive (\$50 reward) Complete the HRA, participate in the biometric screening and earn 300 wellness activity points by October 31, 2022.

Tier 2 incentive (\$100 reward) Complete the HRA, participate in the biometric screening and earn 400 wellness activity points by October 31, 2022.

The information from your HRA and the results from your biometric screening will be used to provide you with information to help you understand your current health and potential risks, and may also be used to offer you services through the wellness program, such as health coaching and digital health programs. You also are encouraged to share your results or concerns with your own doctor.

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 UAH may use aggregate information it collects to design a program based on identified health risks in the workplace, the Wellness Program 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 purposes 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 Gilsbar wellness (the wellness program Third Party Administrator) 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. All employees have access to their personal health information through the Gilsbar wellness portal/their personal health desktop 24/7. 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 Human Resources at (256) 824-6640.