

NOTICE REGARDING WELLNESS PROGRAM

Harnett County Government Wellness Program offers voluntary wellness programs available to all employees. 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, the Genetic Information Nondiscrimination Act of 2008, and the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act, as applicable, among others. Harnett County works with a third party PPCN – Piedmont Pharmaceutical Care Network to administer a chronic condition care management and health coaching program for diabetes and weight management called HealthMaprx. If you choose to participate in the wellness program you will be asked to schedule and attend appointments with your pharmacist care manager and health care provider(s) at required intervals, provide or assist your care manager in obtaining required lab results and other important medical information in a timely manner, and make a good faith effort toward achieving mutually established goals while seeking to benefit from the program.

However, employees who choose to participate in the wellness program will receive an incentive of Co-pay waiver or reduction for program related medications, Co-pay waiver or reduction for some diabetes testing supplies, administration supplies, and a prepaid physical or digital incentive card filled twice a year for \$60.00. Only employees who stay complaint will receive the incentives.

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 Harnett County may use aggregate information it collects to design a program based on identified health risks in the workplace, PPCN – Healthmaprx 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 (are) Pharmacists care mangers with PPCN – Healthmaprx 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 Melanie Waddell – Human Resources at 910-893-7567 or mwaddell@harnett.org.