

NTIC Wellness Incentive Program

2020-2021 School Year

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What is a Wellness Incentive Program?

- A point-based program that has been created to allow you to earn a monetary incentive by completing health and wellness related activities.

How Do I Earn Points?

- Earn points by completing activities listed in the Health Advocate 2020-2021 program guide.
- To receive points for the program, there is a list of activities you can participate in and an associated point value with each activity. Each activity has a verification form that must be completed. All completed activities must take place within the one year program timeframe. You will supply the Wellness Coordinator with your completed verification forms and will then be awarded your points. You have until May 31st, 2021 to obtain your points.

What Do I Do With My Completed Verification Form?

- Once you have completed the verification forms they will be sent to Courtney Sexton (via mail, email and scan, or fax – whichever you prefer) where they will be kept on file. Preventative Screening and Flu Shots have a section on the portal (under “To Do List”) where you can enter the date of the commitment and it will automatically distribute the points to your accounts. **Everything else has to be entered manually by Courtney which will then be uploaded to Health Advocate once per month. For example, anything received in June will be uploaded the first week of July.**

What is the Incentive?

- There are two incentive levels:
 - **Silver:** Earn 350 points, receive \$175
 - **Gold:** Earn 550 points, receive \$275
- You may select whichever level you would like. You and your spouse do not have to complete the same levels. Incentive amount is PER PERSON.
- **Silver Level has specific requirements. You must meet the following:**
 1. Annual Physical
 2. Annual Health Screening (bloodwork)
 3. Personal Health Profile

*Remainder of points may come from various activities of your choice

Who is Eligible to Participate?

- The Wellness Incentive Program is available to all **ACTIVE** school district insured employees and their spouses (as long as the spouses are covered by the district insurance as well).
 - Retirees are not eligible
- If you have questions regarding your eligibility - please contact Courtney Sexton, Health and Wellness coordinator, at csexton@iu17.org or (570) 673-6001 x 2020

What is the Deadline to Earn Points?

- The program begins on June 1st, 2020 for the 2020-2021 school year.
- You need to earn all of your points by May 31st, 2021 in order to receive the incentive.

How Will I Receive My Incentive?

- Your monetary incentive will be ran through payroll, therefore, it will be taxed; however, PSERS will not be deducted.
- If your spouse participates and is not a district employee, their incentive pay will be dispersed into your paycheck.
- If you complete the program prior to December 1st, 2020, your incentive will be dispersed into a December 2020 paycheck. If you complete the program between December 1st, 2020 and May 31st, 2021, your incentive will be dispersed into a June 2021 paycheck.

Federal Guidelines

- Federal guidelines state that incentive money from wellness programs are considered as income and must be taxed. Districts will be paying through payroll as we must follow federal guidelines. We want to make sure that this program stays in place and continues to grow which means we must be in compliance with all rules and regulations.

Health Advocate Portal

- For the incentive program, participants will be using an online portal called Health Advocate.
- This online portal will allow you to create your own account and track your points and progress throughout the course of the program.
- **ALL participants must register with the portal to track points.**

What is Available on Health Advocate's Portal?



Wellness Coaching Unlimited access to a Wellness Coach by telephone or secure web messaging to help you lose weight, get fit, quit tobacco, reduce stress and more.



Personal Health Profile (PHP) Get a snapshot of your health, your risk for certain diseases and conditions, and personalized tips to help you improve your well-being.



Nutrition Support Make eating healthy simple with delicious recipes and meal plans designed to help you reach your wellness goals.



Wellness Resources Learn about health and well-being topics through tip sheets, the Health Advocate Blog and Health Information Center.



Interactive Challenges Participate in personal or company-wide challenges to help you get fit, lose weight, eat better, and more.



Health Trackers Use the health trackers to track your activity, progress and strive to meet healthy goals. Sync your fitness device or health apps for easy tracking.



Wellness Workshops Participate in workshops on a variety of health and wellness topics, like nutrition, fitness, stress management, resilience, financial wellness, and more.



Gym Discounts Access discounted memberships to thousands of fitness centers nationwide.

- Personal Health Profile
- Nutrition Support
- Wellness Resources
- Interactive Challenges
- Health Trackers
- Wellness Workshops
- And more!

How to Register on Health Advocate

- To get registered with the Health Advocate portal, visit <https://members.healthadvocate.com/> . You will first be asked to select your organization: NTIC (Northern Tier Insurance Consortium). From there, you will then select the “Register Now” box. You will enter your information accordingly which will then allow you to create a username and password. Every individual will have their own account.
- **REMINDER:** You need to sign up using your LEGAL name. Whatever your name is listed as with your insurance is what the system will use to identify you as an eligible employee or not.
- **Returning Participants:** You will use the same credentials to login as you had in the past. You **do NOT** need to create a new account for the new program year.

Point Breakdown

- Annual Physical – 100 points
- Annual Health Screening (bloodwork) – 100 points
- Personal Health Profile (found on Health Advocate portal) – 100 points
- Annual Vision Exam – 30 points
- Dental Exam – 30 points/visit, 60 points max
- Proof/Declaration of PCP – 30 points
- Preventative Screenings/Exams – 25 points each
- Flu Shot – 20 points
- Participate in Registered Race – 40 points each, 80 points max
- Wellness Workshops (found on Health Advocate portal) – 20 points each, 140 points max
- Tobacco Affidavit OR Tobacco Cessation Program – 50 points
- Health Trackers – 250 points max

NTIC Wellness Program Website

- For updated program information, access to verification forms and more, please visit <http://ntic.iu17.org/>

Contact Info

- If you have any questions, please contact Courtney Sexton, Health and Wellness Coordinator – BLaST Intermediate Unit 17.
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