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**April 2013**

**Employer Worksite Wellness Webinar**

# 2013 Campaign Schedule



Month	Webinar Topic	Date and Time
January	2013 Wellness – An Overview of Well onTarget	1/29 10-11 AM
February	2013 Wellness – An Overview of Well onTarget	2/26 10-11 AM
March	Thrive to Stay Alive: Happiness in the Workplace	3/19 10-11 AM
April	Wellness Incentives in Workplace Cultures: Best Practices	4/23 10-11 AM
May	BCBS Incentives Program	5/28 10-11 AM
June	2013 Wellness - Well onTarget Online Challenges	6/25 10/11 AM
July	TBD	7/23 10-11 AM
August	TBD	8/27 10-11 AM
September	TBD	9/24 10-11 AM
October	TBD	10/22 10-11 AM
November/December	TBD	12/10 10-11 AM



# April 2013 Agenda

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❖ **Introduction**

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❖ **Wellness Incentives in the Workplace: Best Practices**

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❖ **Questions**

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Our mission is to

# **promote the health and wellness**

of our members and communities through accessible,  
cost-effective, quality health care.



*Experience. Wellness. Everywhere.<sup>SM</sup>*

# Wellness Incentives in the Workplace: Best Practices



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# Our Health Care System



# **Wage/Price Controls**

**Implemented during World War II**

# **Health Benefits**

**Allowed in lieu of wage increases**

# **Collective Bargaining**

**Embedded health care benefits into the workplace**



# **Compromise**

**National health insurance**

## **Medicaid**

**Federal/state funded health plan for poor persons  
Must be “categorically” eligible**

## **Medicare**

**Subsidized social/health insurance program  
Everyone over 65 participates**

# Health Systems - Where do we rank?

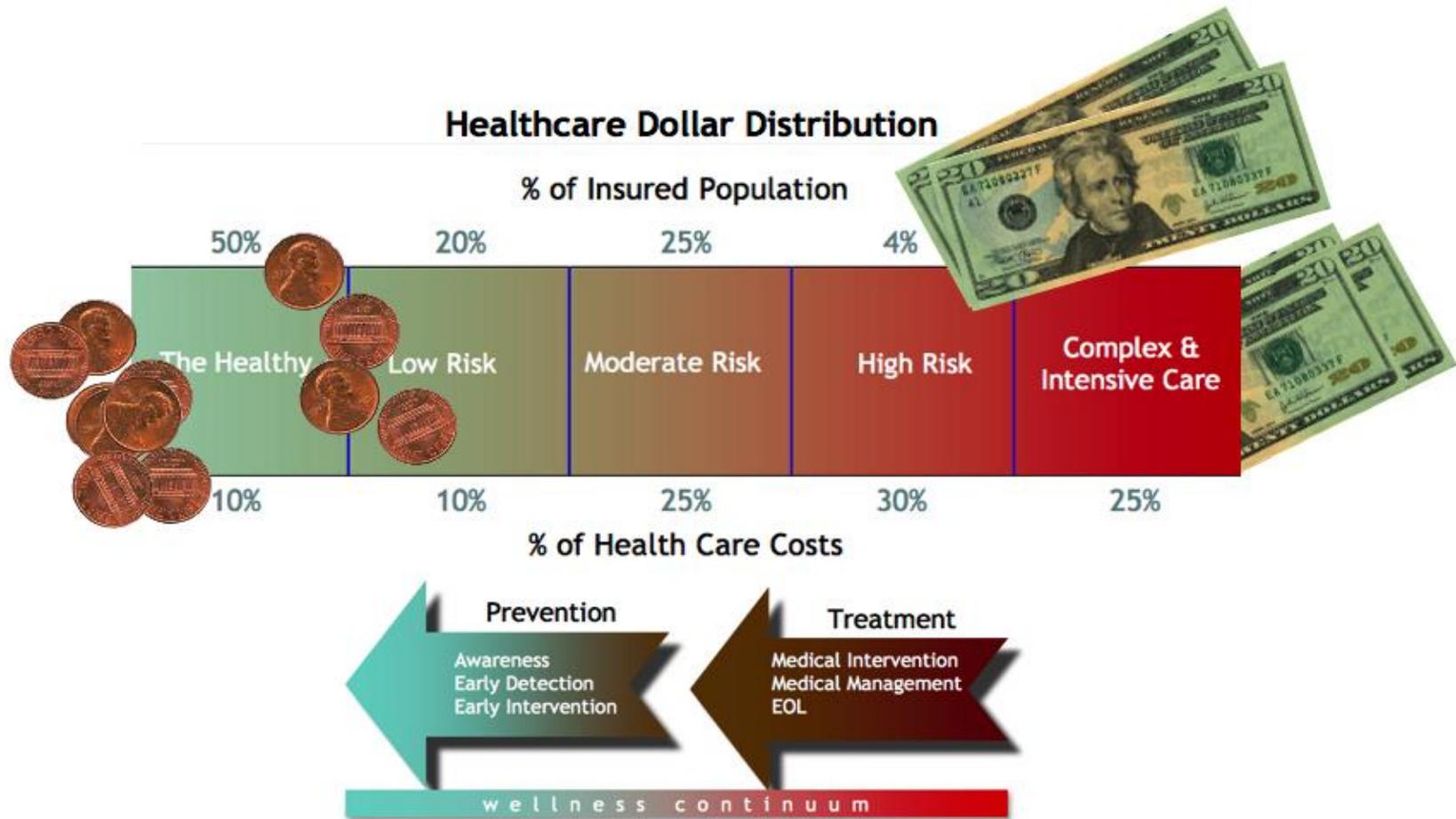


The World Health Organization's ranking of the world's health systems.

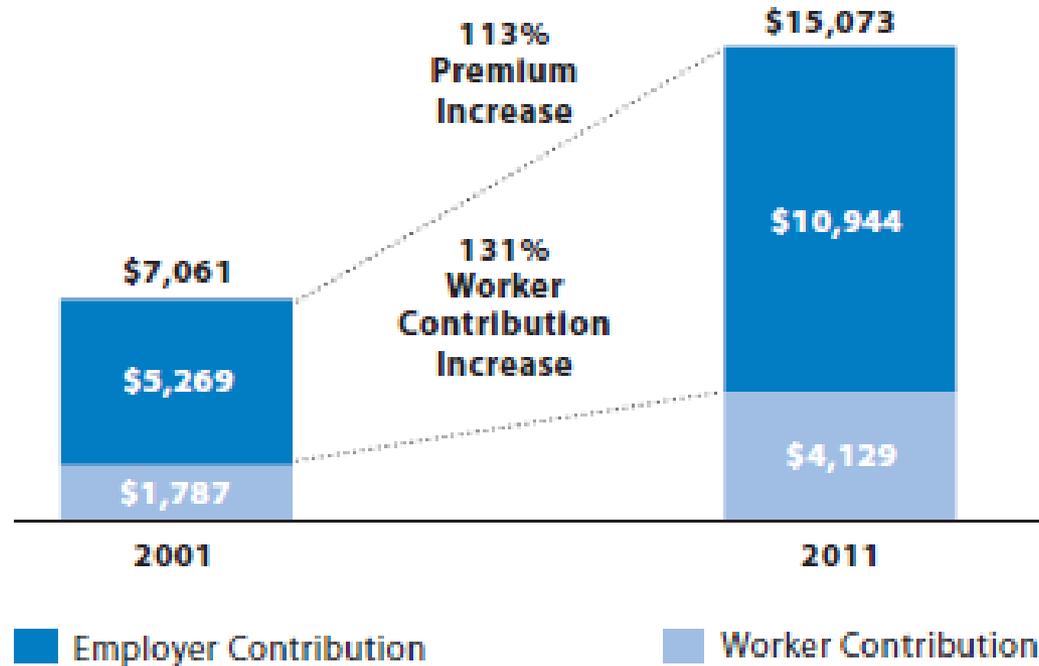
The US Spends twice as much as France !

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| 1. France       | 19. Ireland              | 37. USA            |
| 2. Italy        | 20. Switzerland          | 38. Slovenia       |
| 3. San Marino   | 21. Belgium              | 39. Cuba           |
| 4. Andorra      | 22. Colombia             | 40. Brunei         |
| 5. Malta        | 23. Sweden               | 41. New Zealand    |
| 6. Singapore    | 24. Cyprus               | 42. Bahrain        |
| 7. Spain        | 25. Germany              | 43. Croatia        |
| 8. Oman         | 26. Saudi Arabia         | 44. Qatar          |
| 9. Austria      | 27. United Arab Emirates | 45. Kuwait         |
| 10. Japan       | 28. Israel               | 46. Barbados       |
| 11. Norway      | 29. Morocco              | 47. Thailand       |
| 12. Portugal    | 30. Canada               | 48. Czech Republic |
| 13. Monaco      | 31. Finland              | 49. Malaysia       |
| 14. Greece      | 32. Australia            | 50. Poland         |
| 15. Iceland     | 33. Chile                |                    |
| 16. Luxembourg  | 34. Denmark              |                    |
| 17. Netherlands | 35. Dominica             |                    |
| 18. UK          | 36. Costa Rica           |                    |

# Shift from Sickness to Wellness



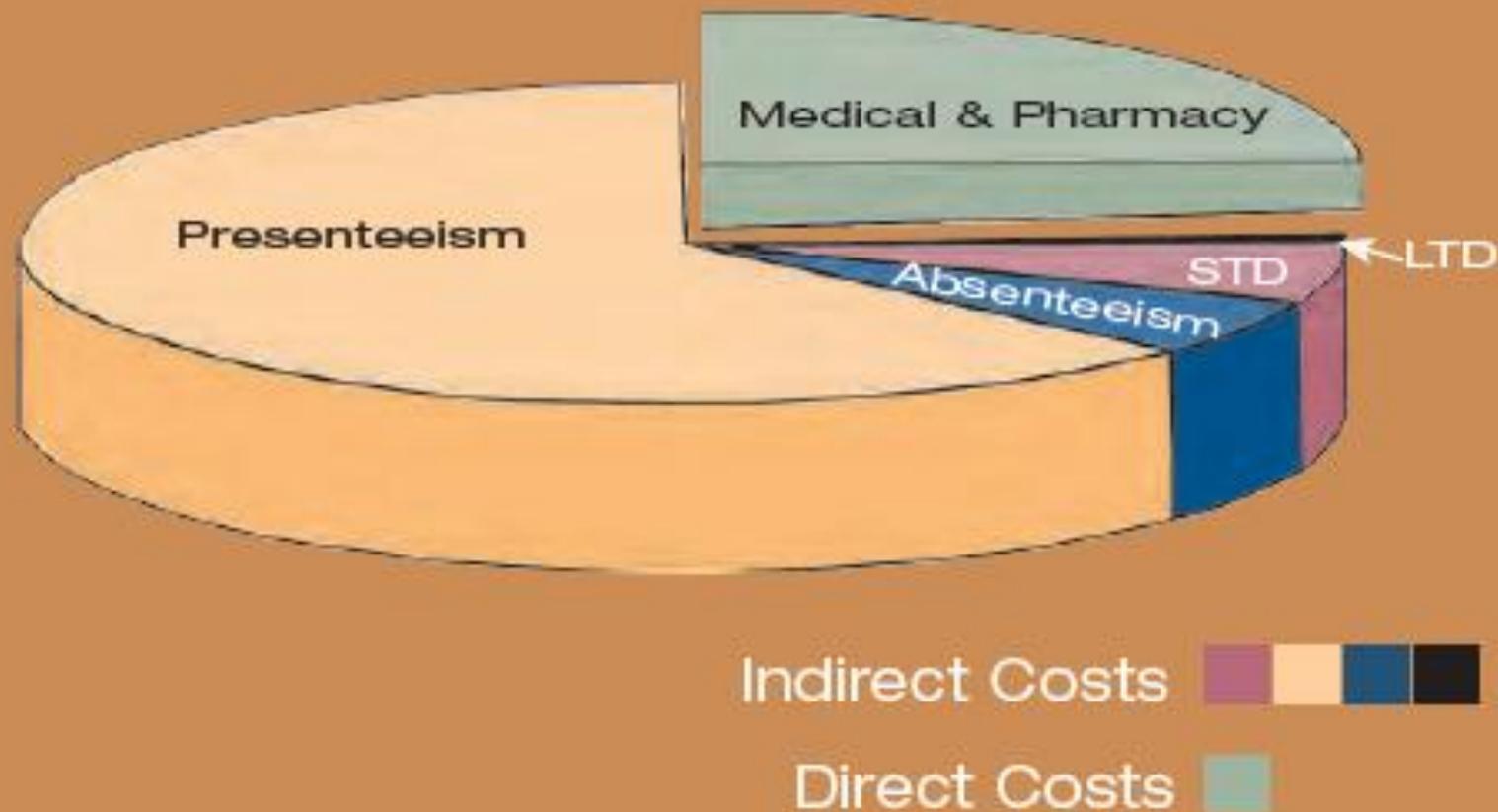
# Employer/Employee Contributions



Source: Kaiser/HRET Survey of Employer-Sponsored Health Benefits, 2001–2011.

# IS YOUR ORGANIZATION AWARE OF THE TOTAL COST BURDEN OF POOR EMPLOYEE HEALTH?

*Relative Contribution of Direct and Indirect Costs Within a Large Financial Services Corporation*



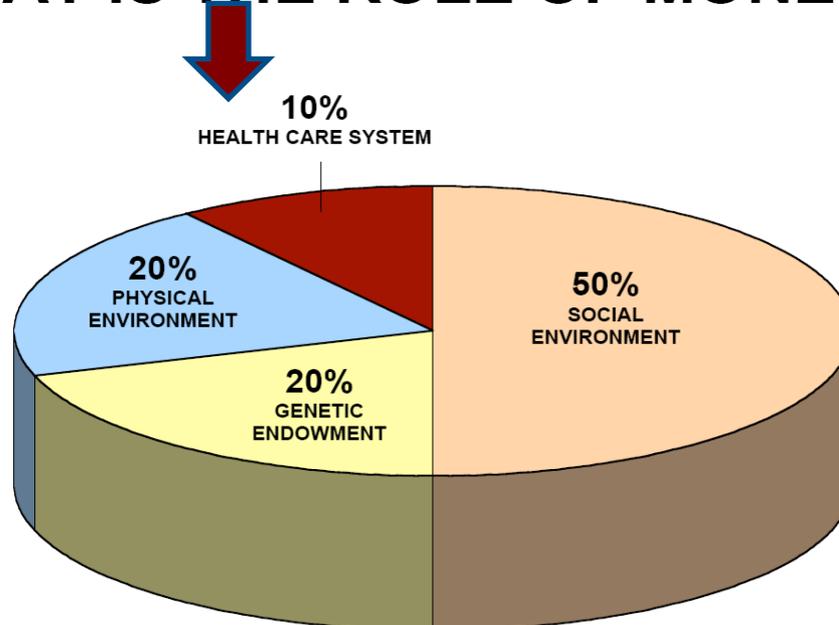
Source: Edington DW, Burton WN. Health and productivity. In: McCunney, RJ: A Practical Approach to Occupational and Environmental Medicine. Philadelphia: Lippincott Williams & Wilkins. 3rd ed. 2003:140-152<sup>12</sup>

# The Motivation for Incentives

Health Care Costs    2008 ▶ \$2.3 trillion  
                                  2016 ▶ \$4.1 trillion



DETERMINANTS OF HEALTH  
**WHAT IS THE ROLE OF MONEY?**



# The Wellness Continuum

**All individuals are located somewhere between death and wellness**

**“a state of complete physical, mental and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease or infirmity.”**

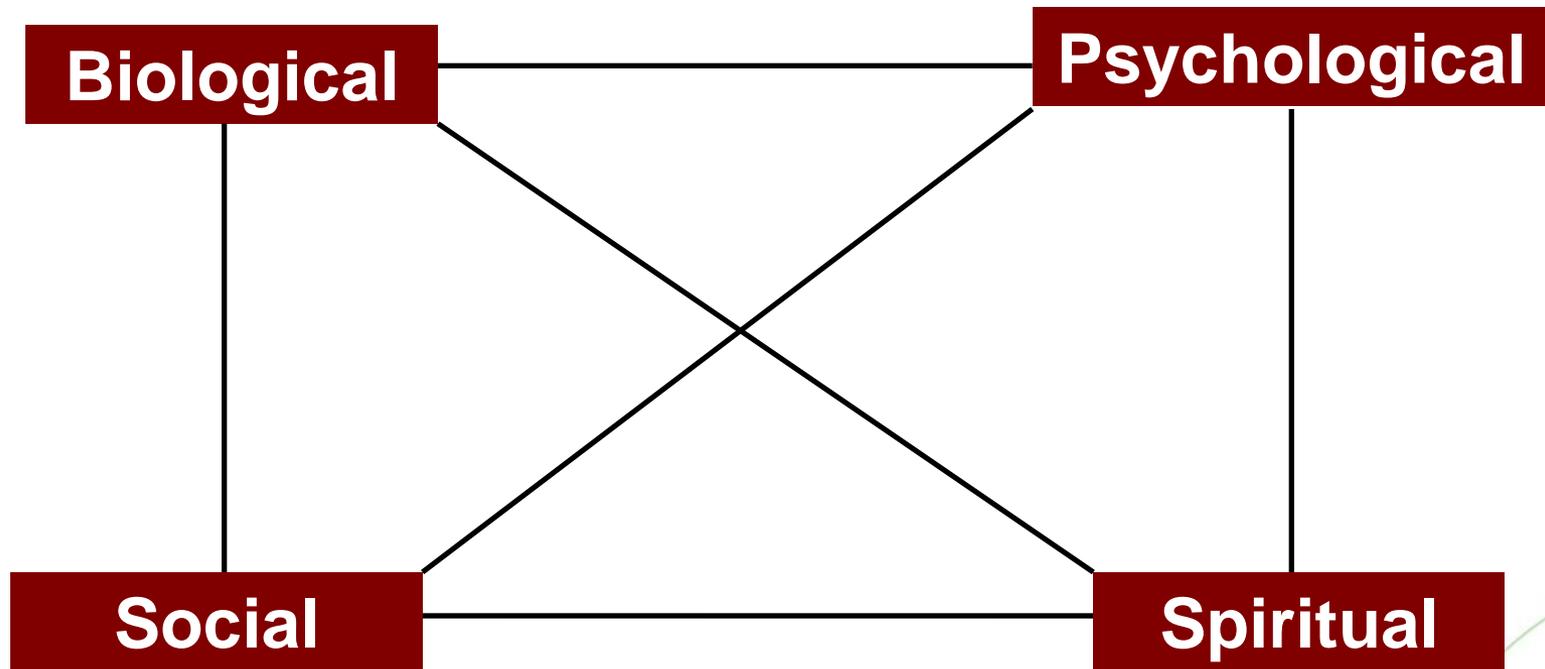
**“Healthy, Happy and Wise!”**



Sources : Dunn, Halbert L. (1957): Points of Attack for Raising the Levels of Wellness. In: Journal of the National Medical Association, vol. 49, no. 4, pp. 225-235, 211

WHO. "[Constitution of the World Health Organization](#)" World Health Organization; 2006

# A Holistic Model of Wellness



Source: Holistic Nursing: A Handbook for Practice By Barbara Montgomery Dossey, Lynn Keegan, Cathie E. Guzzetta, American Holistic Nursing Association

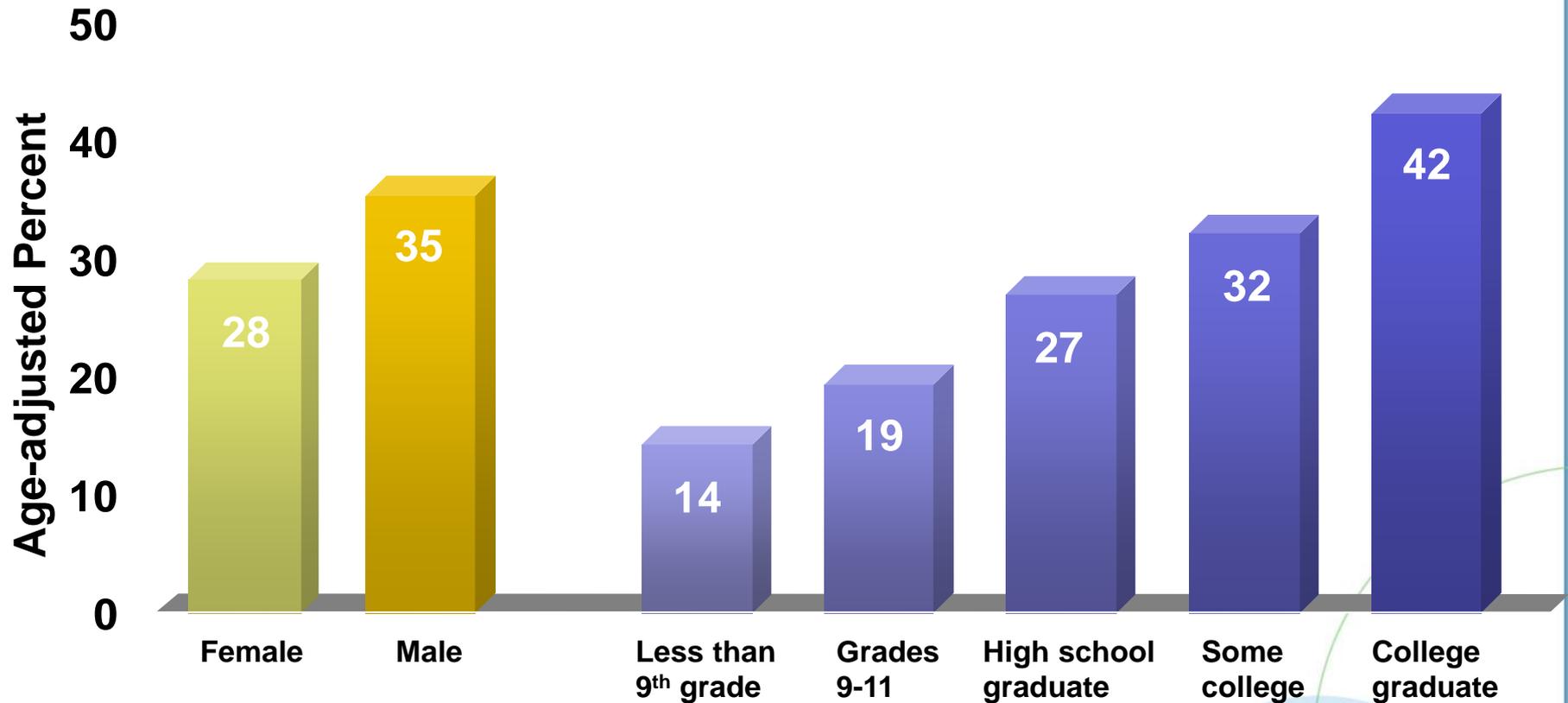
# The Incentive Paradigm



**6 in 10** employees believe worksite wellness programs are a good idea.

**3 in 10** actually participate in worksite wellness programs.

# Percent of Adults Engaging in Physical Activity\*

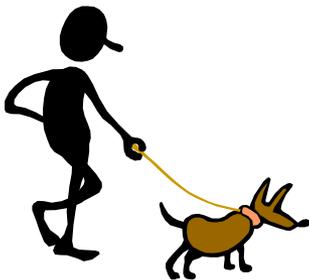
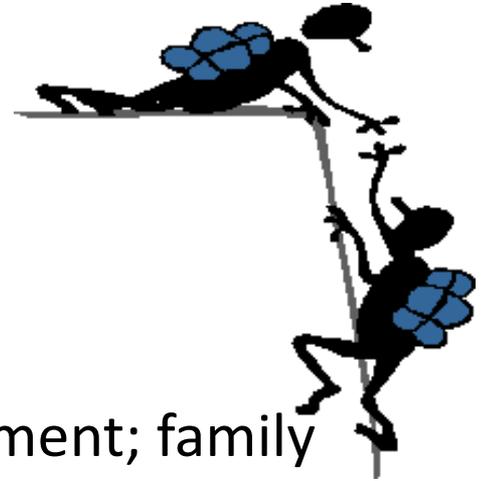


\* Includes moderate activity (at least 30 minutes, 5 days per week) and/or vigorous activity (at least 20 minutes, 3 days per week).  
Notes: Gender data are for persons 18 years and over. Education data are for persons 25 and over. Data are age adjusted to the 2000 standard population. Source: National Health Interview Survey (NHIS), CDC, NCHS. 2010

# Wellness relationships

## Extra-personal:

- A. Relationship with physical environment
- B. Relationship with interpersonal environment; family friends, communities, political order
- C. Relationships with the transcendent



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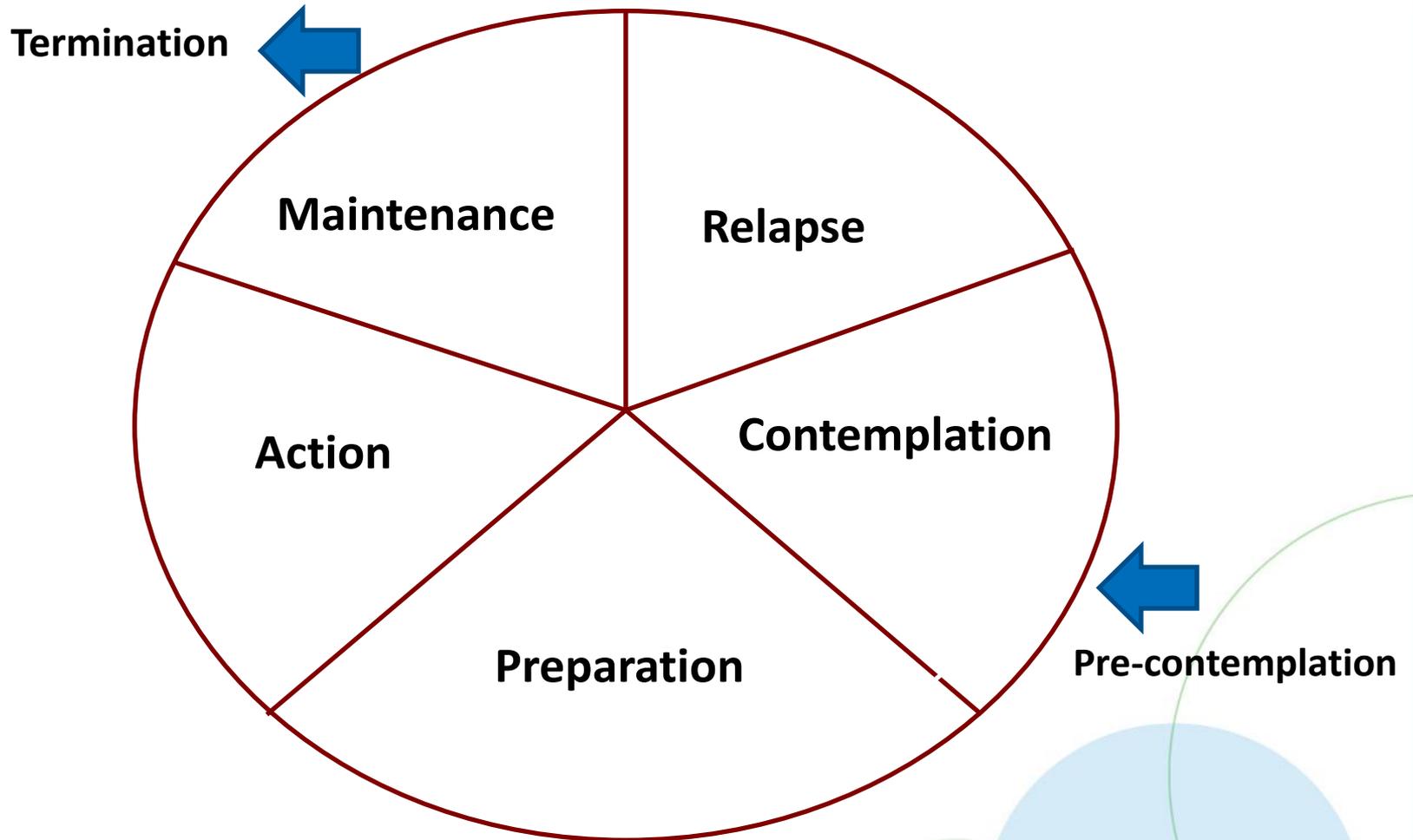
## Intrapersonal:

- A. Physical relationships of body parts, organs, physiological and biochemical processes
- B. Mind-body relationships – multiple relationships between symptoms, moods, cognitive understandings, meanings, and the person's physical state



## Intrinsic Motivational Forces – more potent over time?

# Stages of change cycle



# Tools for Behavior change:

<b>Precontemplation</b>		<b>not considering change in the next 6 months</b>
<b>Contemplation:</b>		<b>seriously considering change in the next 6 months</b>
<b>Preparation:</b>		<b>planning to change in 30 days</b>
<b>Action:</b>		<b>the first 6 months of sustaining change</b>
<b>Maintenance:</b>		<b>Change for more than 6 months</b>
<b>Relapse:</b>		<b>transition to an earlier stage</b>

Targeted wellness incentives should consider individual SOC profiles

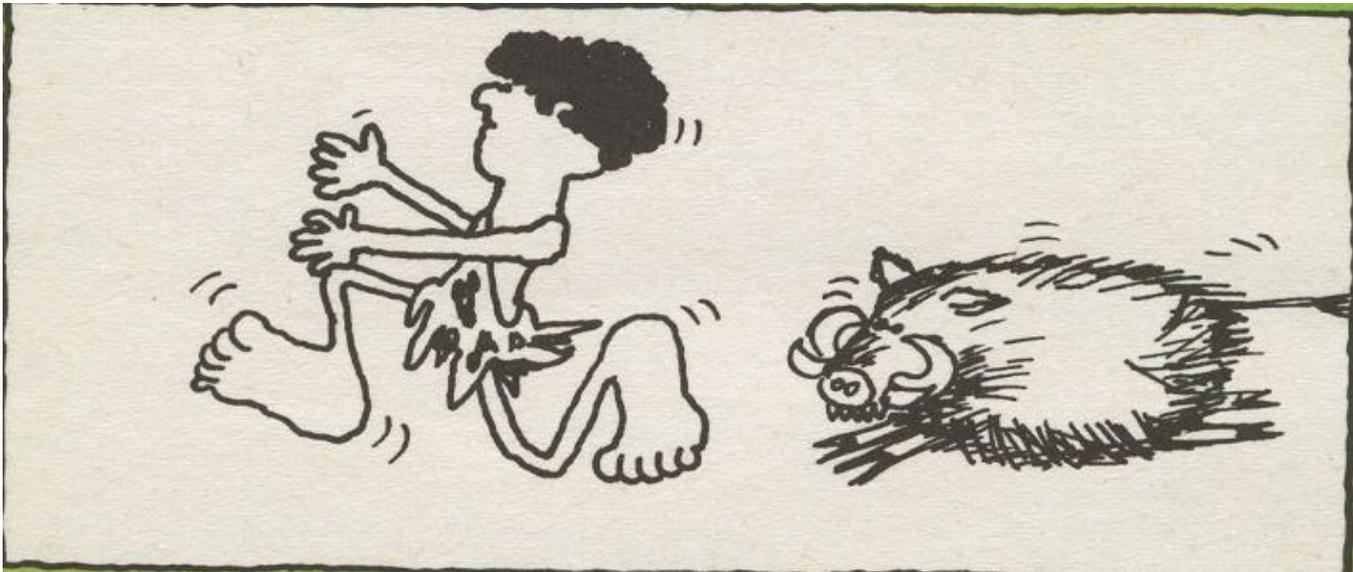
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"Human behavior is a function of the consequences that follow it."

-Aubrey Daniels



# Primal Motivation



Fight!, Flight! or Negotiation!

# The Carrot or the Stick?



## **Carrot:**

An anticipated positive or desirable reward designed to influence the performance of an individual or group

## **Stick:**

An anticipated negative or undesirable consequence reward designed to influence performance of an individual or group

# PIC's and NIC's

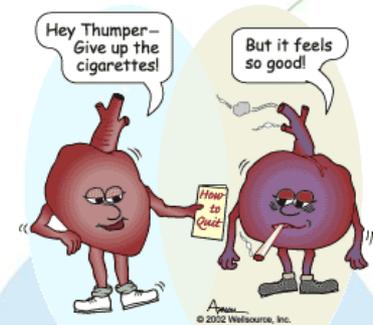
**PIC = Positive ▶ Immediate ▶ Certain**

- Motivate people to voluntarily adopt health behaviors
- Can be of intrinsic and extrinsic value
- Most preferred method

**NIC = Negative ▶ Immediate ▶ Certain**

- Motivate people to voluntarily leave behind unhealthy behaviors
- Last resort (e.g. Tobacco Cessation programs)

Source: Bringing out the best in People – Aubury Daniels



“Wellness programs are something we do with and for employees not something we do to them”

David Hunnicutt, WELCOA,



# Incentives: How much is enough?



*“The greatest challenge to managing health care costs is employees' poor health habits and the biggest obstacle to changing employee behaviors is the lack of employee engagement.”*

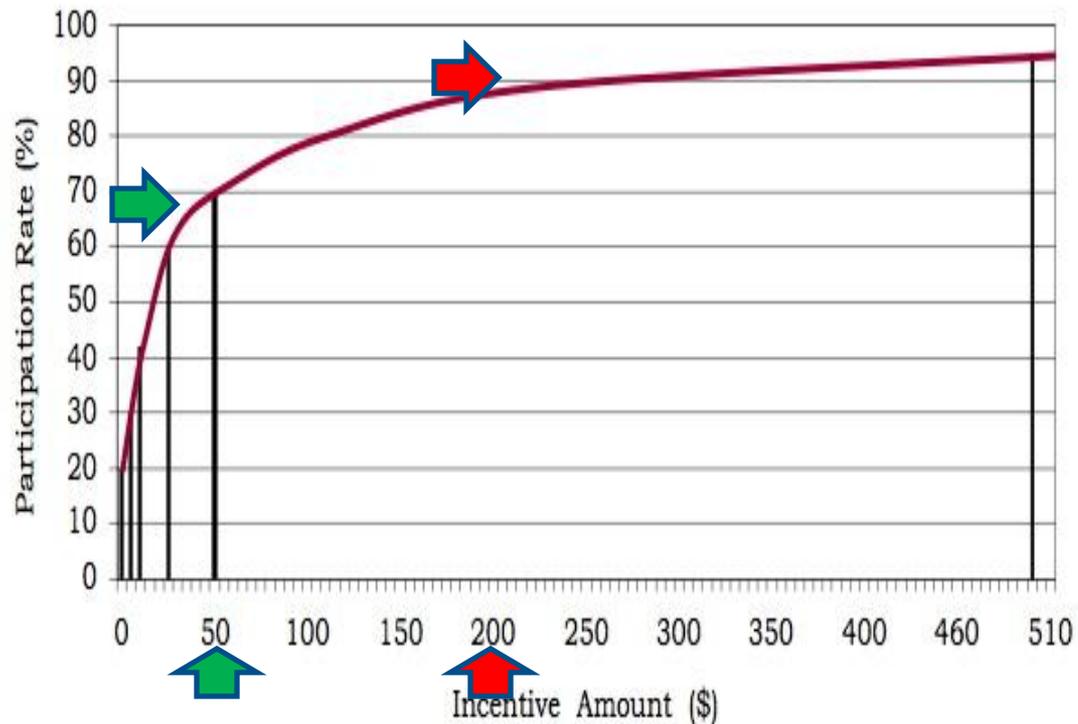
# How Attitudes Affect Participation

Some will resist any new program offered to employees.  
Others wait and see how others fare before they try it.

<b>Innovators</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	<b>(yesterday)</b>
<b>Early Adaptors</b>	<b>13.0%</b>	<b>(this week)</b>
<b>Early Majority</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>(next week)</b>
<b>Late Majority</b>	<b>34%</b>	<b>(next month)</b>
<b>The Laggards</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>(next year)</b>

# Health Risk Assessment: Incentives

Review on Impact of Financial Incentives  
on Health Assessment Participation



Source: Sexner, et al, The Art of Health Promotion Newsletter, 2004, March/April

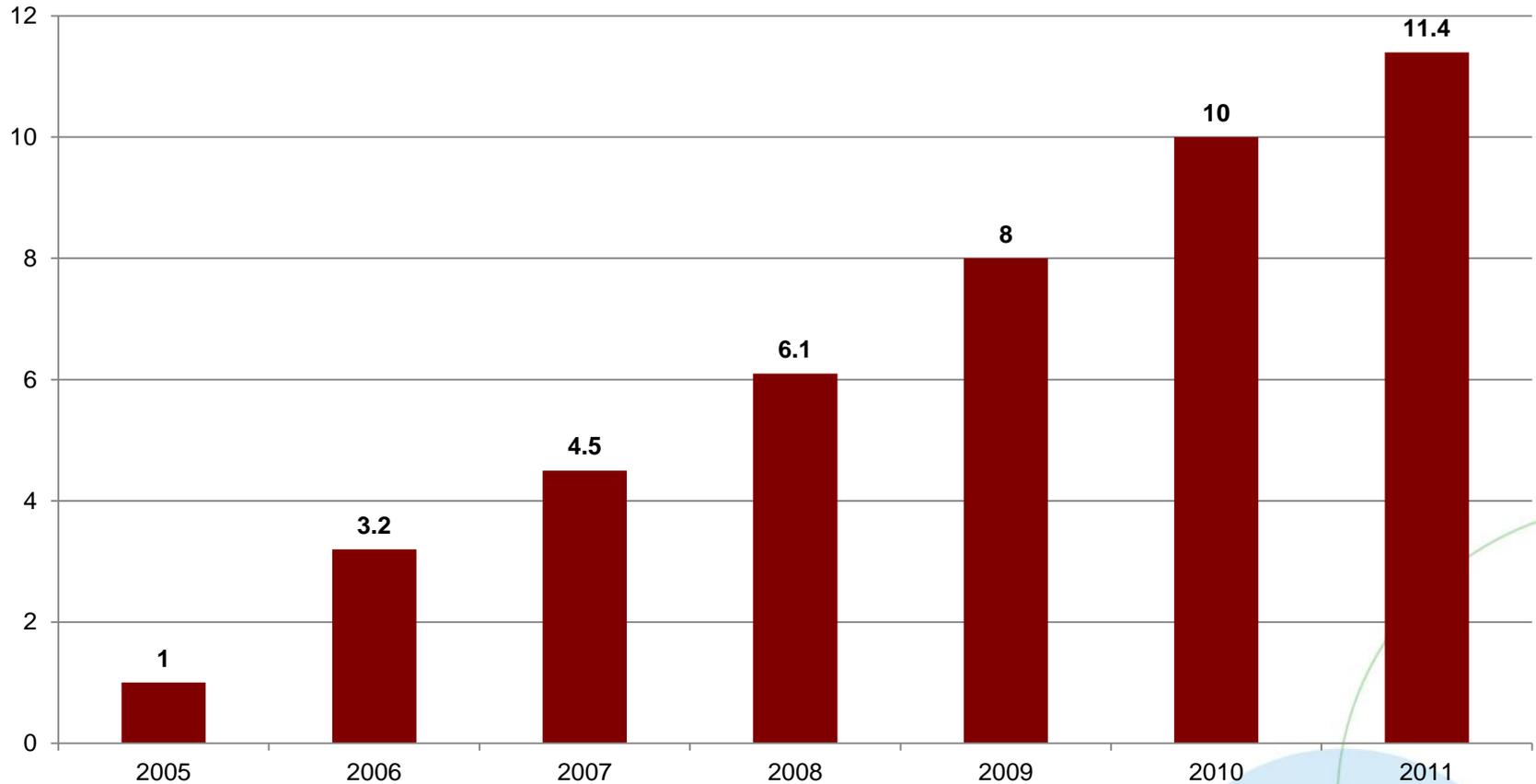
# Incentives and Participation Rates

<u>Item:</u>	<u>Range</u>
Trinkets and T-Shirts	10-15%
Merchandise	15-50%
\$25-\$50 cash	35-75%
Reduced Health Care Premiums	50-80%
Health Savings Accounts (HSA)	??



# Health Savings Accounts Participation Rates

## HSA/HDHP-Participant Growth



Sources: AHIP Center for Policy and Research, 2011 HSA/HDHP Census;  
US Census Bureau Current Population Survey (CPS), Annual Social and  
Economic (ASEC) Supplement 2010.

# Legal Issues: HIPPA and Incentives (1996)

Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) - 1996 prohibits plans from pricing according to health status but allows premium discounts and other financial incentives for either “participation” or “standard” based incentives

## Participation based Incentives

Examples:

- ➔ Complete a HRA, biometric screening, wellness coaching
- ➔ Waiver of co-pay or deductible for well-baby visits
- ➔ Reimbursement for gym membership
- ➔ Reimbursement for smoking cessation program despite outcome

# HIPAA and Standard Based Incentives (2012)

Standard Based Incentives : Have to meet 5 additional requirements:

- ➔ Reward cannot be > than 20% of the cost of employee only coverage
- ➔ Plan must be “reasonably designed to promote health or prevent disease
- ➔ Gives employees the opportunity to qualify for the reward at 1 time/year
- ➔ Reward must be available to all employees and include a “reasonable alternative” standard where it is “medically inadvisable”
- ➔ The plan must disclose in it’s written materials the “reasonable alternative”

# ADA, GINA and Incentives

## Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)

- ➔ Prohibits employers from discriminating against disabled individuals
- ➔ Limits the circumstances under which the employer can require a medical examination or responses to medical inquiries

## Genetic Information Non-Discrimination Act (GINA)

- ➔ Limits the employers ability to ask employees questions about family history on risk assessments

# PPACA and Incentives (2014)

## Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA)

- ➔ Significant changes to wellness program rules in areas of personal accountability and pricing!
- ➔ Expands wellness program exemption for incentives up to 30% of plan cost and could be expanded to 50% if approved by HHS, Sec of Labor and the Treasury
- ➔ Sec of Labor, HHS and the Treasury must submit a report within 3 years evaluating the effectiveness of wellness programs on:
  1. Promoting and preventing disease,
  2. Access to and the affordability of health care
  3. The impact of premium based cost-sharing (shifting!) incentives on health behavior

# Incentives Axioms

- Healthy people are typically highly motivated individuals we need to focus on what motivates the less fit and more costly employees
- Keep it simple – complex reward and compliance systems will hinder program participation and outcomes

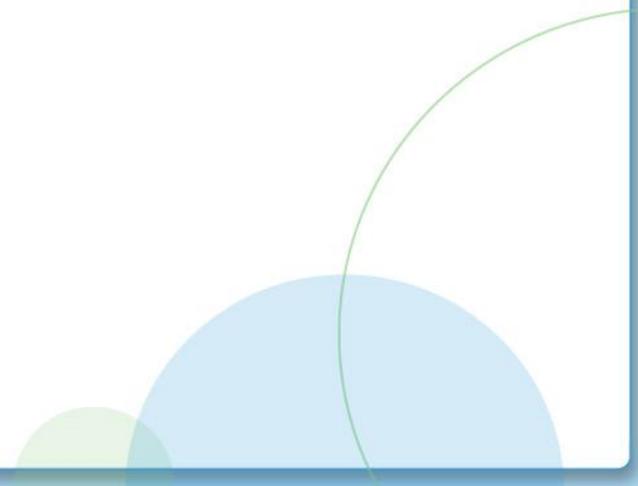
# Incentives Programs that Work

- Focuses on helping employees achieve healthy behaviors day in and day out.
- All employees participate – no one is excluded, not even remote employees.
- Use of multiple “real time” technologies that are simple to use and engage the participant
- Onsite and remote kiosks and remote blood pressure monitoring devices,
- Accelerometers and HR monitors to measure physical activity levels throughout the day

# Compliance vs. Commitment

If people are good only because they fear punishment and hope for a reward then we are a sorry lot in deed

-Albert Einstein



Live Well and Thank you!

