Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act

A Boost for Wellness Programs

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National Jewish Health

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#1 Respiratory Hospital since 1998

World class leader in Immunology and Autoimmune Disease for the past 40 years



IgE discovered in 1966

Launched first Wellness program (QuitLine) in 2002 and

FitLogix™ in 2008

How Will the Legislation Affect Wellness Programs?

- Raise awareness of wellness issues and programs
- Increase the number of participants in wellness programs
- Make programs accountable and, therefore, raise the effectiveness levels of programs
- Measure and improve potential for ROI for wellness programs



How Will This Occur?



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Key Elements in a Successful Wellness Program

- Engagement of participants
- Sustained behavioral change to a healthy behavior for participants
- Behavioral change associated with a positive outcome



We Researched What Works and What Doesn't Work for Sustained Weight Loss in Consumers

Focus groups across US

- -Successful sustained weight loss in a program
- -Unable to sustain weight loss in a program
- -Tried and failed many times on their own
- -Succeed on their own



What We Learned

Customization of client services

Convenience of access through multiple channels

Anonymity in the services

Social support needed

Incentives of any kind important

Accountability of the results of the weight loss to the client

Simple basic concepts important

Reassurance of integrity of the service being delivered

Approach weight management-obesity as a chronic disease state and not a short term annoyance



How We Integrated These Concepts Into A Wellness Program



Accountability: Electronic Scale and Activity Monitor

Wireless digital scale & activity meter linked to participant's personal computer

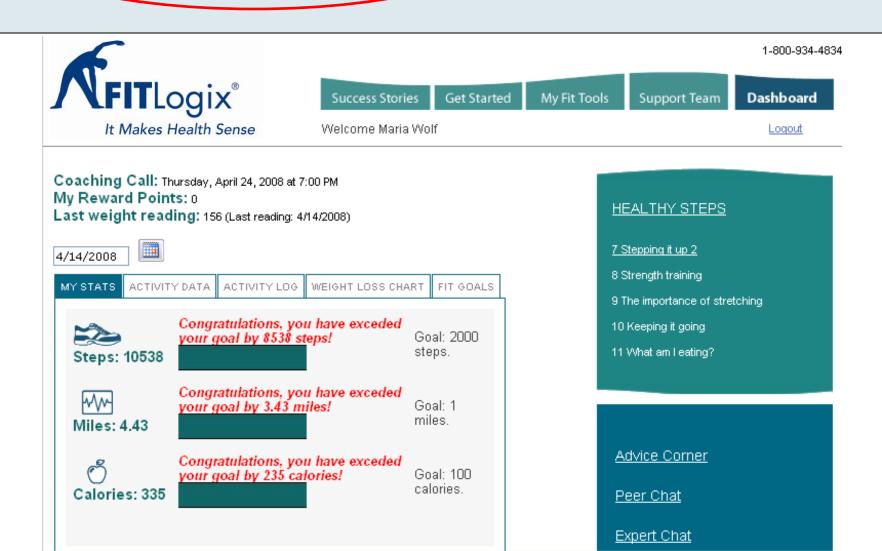








A Single Basic Concept: A – B = C



Program Incentives To Create Behavior Change





Early in the program

At meaningful milestones

Upon accomplishing specific goals



Program Incentives

Critically Timed Incentives



Lead people to make healthier decisions

Reward people for making healthier decisions

Keep people engaged in making healthier decisions



A Medically Oriented Approach

Approach Overweight/Obesity
As A Chronic Illness with remissions and relapses



Sustainability Weight Loss over Two Years



Wellness Programs Can Put the Brakes on a Cost Driver

Healthcare Claims Cost Savings

$$$28,753,953 - $24,955,505 = $3,798,448$$

Minus Cost of Program

$$3,798,448 - 995,150 = 2,803,298$$

$$ROI^* = 2,803,298/$995,150 = 2.82$$

Savings per enrollee for 2008 = \$1831

*This reflects 12 months data on first 1,531 people enrolled.

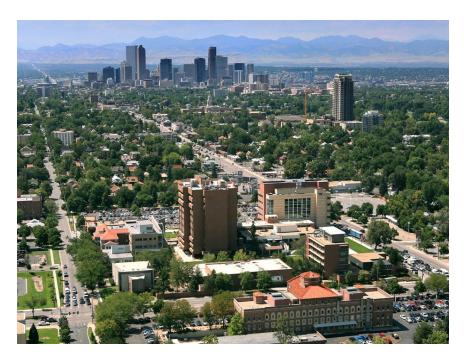


With the New Health Care Reform Employers, Health Plans and Consumers Will Be Looking for:

- Credible programs
- Accountable programs
- Programs that attract and keep participants by using tangible incentives
- Programs that produce healthy AND financial results



Thank You





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