INTRODUCING
the Healthyroads Wellness® Program

Benefits to Help You and Your Family Achieve Better Health
Dear UA Choice Health Plan Participant:

A healthy organization cannot exist without healthy employees. The everyday choices we make can help us live happier and more fulfilling lives—both at work and at home. That’s why the University of Alaska is offering an essential tool as part of your overall benefits package—a comprehensive wellness program from Healthyroads.

The goals of this program are to:

• Provide you with information about your current health status.
• Help you set realistic health improvement or lifestyle goals.
• Give you health management tools and resources to help you reach your goals.
• Lower health care costs—An effective wellness program can make a difference in these costs over time. Your participation will benefit your lifestyle and may help you save money on health care costs in the future.

Your participation in this effort is completely voluntary and will allow you to:

• Access lifestyle coaching services to help you set, reach, and maintain your goals.
• Complete an online Personal Health Assessment (PHA) that will help you identify potential health-related issues and risks.
• Use a variety of online services to keep tabs on your health and your goals.

The details of the program are outlined in this booklet. Please review this information carefully so you understand how it works and can take full advantage of the opportunities it offers. You may see additional information on our wellness initiatives as new activities are introduced and/or become available to you through UA’s health plan.

Each one of us can choose steps, even small ones, to improve our overall health and well-being. We hope you will join us by participating in this worthwhile effort. We are very pleased to offer a program that will focus on the well-being of UA’s most valuable asset—YOU.

Yours in health,

Pat Gamble, President
University of Alaska

Abel Bult-Ito, Chair
Joint Health Care Committee
Participation in the wellness incentive program is completely voluntary, but we encourage all eligible* employees and their spouses/FIPs (Financially Interdependent Partner) to take advantage of the program so that they can receive valuable information on their health status and risk factors—as well as have access to wellness-related resources, including healthy eating menu plans, exercise plans, online coaching, stress reduction suggestions, and more. Plus, you’ll be making efforts that will pay off—both literally and figuratively!

*Only employees and their spouses/FIPs on the University of Alaska medical plan are eligible to participate in the wellness program.
HOW TO EARN YOUR INCENTIVE:

Employees and spouses/FIPs enrolled in the UA Choice health plan are eligible to earn a rebate on their health plan payroll contribution. The requirements are below, but each is also explained in more detail, along with the timing to be sure you can plan ahead and invest in your success. If your spouse or FIP is covered under our eligible plans, he or she must complete the activities in order to earn the incentive.

PERSONAL HEALTH ASSESSMENT (PHA)
The Personal Health Assessment is an online, private questionnaire about your health and lifestyle. Your answers will generate suggestions for achieving health improvement. It is available on www.healthyroads.com. The PHA can be found on the My Roadmap section of the landing page after you sign in.

BIOMETRIC SCREENING – You can fulfill your screening requirement in one of 3 ways:

1. Have your biometric measurements completed as part of your annual physical or preventive screening. Visit Healthyroads.com to print the Healthyroads® Health Care Provider Form, which should be completed and submitted by your doctor directly to Healthyroads by June 30, 2014.

2. Visit a Quest Diagnostics® Patient Service Center (PSC) at your convenience before June 30, 2014. To schedule your appointment, go to https://my.blueprintforwellness.com. Use registration code UOAremote.

3. Attend a screening offered at many work locations in May and June 2014.

To be eligible for the incentive, you must complete both of the following required activities by June 30, 2014:

Healthyroads may use and/or provide participation information to your plan sponsor/employer or its contracted entities that administer your plan for incentive fulfillment purposes. Healthyroads may also use this information to provide you with other services on behalf of your plan sponsor/employer. Your participation serves as your consent for Healthyroads to use and/or provide this information as stated above.
LOCATE YOUR COMPASS:
GET IN THE KNOW WITH A PHA

Follow these easy steps to complete your PHA:

1. Go to www.alaska.edu/benefits.

2. Select the link for Healthyroads and log on using your UA username and password.

3. From your Healthyroads home page, look for the PHA link in the My Roadmap section or under the “Scorecard” tab. Allow about 10 minutes to complete it.

4. Once finished, you will receive scores around different areas of your health and suggestions for improvement. You can also begin using Healthyroads.com tools, trackers, online classes, and more to reach your goals!

Spouses/FIPs should follow these steps to complete their PHAs:


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3. Once finished, you will receive scores around different areas of your health and suggestions for improvement. You can also begin using Healthyroads.com tools, trackers, online classes, and more to reach your goals!

Fulfilling this requirement by June 30, 2014 will help you set your course and guide you to suggested engagement activities to achieve better health. You will be eligible to earn incentives as long as you take a PHA and get a biometric screening by June 30, 2014.

We are all at different points on a journey to better health. Some of us are just starting out. Others may be considered healthy, but perhaps we could use some encouragement to keep going. Wherever you are, it is important to keep traveling your path and learning more!

With the Healthyroads Personal Health Assessment (PHA), you can identify potential health issues related to daily nutrition, fitness, and lifestyle habits and see how to improve your health.

The PHA consists of a series of questions about your health-related activities and behaviors. After completing the voluntary questionnaire, you’ll receive suggestions for improving your health. You’ll also be able to identify areas of improvement that might be perfectly suited for a Healthyroads Coaching® Program!!
GET YOUR BEARINGS
WITH A BIOMETRIC SCREENING

Get rewarded if your screening date falls between
July 1, 2013, and June 30, 2014!

Biometric screenings are available at no cost and provide useful results in the following areas:

- **BMI** – Body Mass Index (BMI) looks at your weight in relation to your height to find out if you weigh more than is healthy for you. Many health problems are linked to being overweight or obese. The normal range is between 18.5 and 25.

- **CHOLESTEROL** – Cholesterol is a fatty substance that is made by the body. Cholesterol is made in the liver and is also found in animal-based foods you eat. Plant-based foods do not have cholesterol. You need some cholesterol to help build cells, produce hormones, and support nerve function. Cholesterol is a problem only when levels in the blood get too high. Then the cholesterol starts to form waxy plaque. This can clog your arteries and cause heart disease. A total cholesterol level of less than 200 mg/dL is desirable.

- **GLUCOSE** – This is the level of blood sugar in your bloodstream. Diabetes is a health problem in which blood sugar (glucose) is too high, leading to a buildup of blood sugar instead of moving into your cells to use as energy. Normal levels are between 70 and 100 mg/dL.

- **BLOOD PRESSURE** – Blood pressure measures the force of blood against the blood vessel walls. A healthy blood pressure level is important. High blood pressure can lead to many health problems including hardened arteries, stroke, congestive heart failure, kidney failure, and heart attack. The good news is that there are many things you can do to help keep your blood pressure normal. A normal blood pressure is 120 over 80 mmHg or less.

Knowing your numbers is the first step to knowing your risk areas and creating an action plan with your health care providers to decrease your risk.

The biometric screening should be completed by June 30, 2014, so that you stay on your path to wellness and have time to complete other activities. You will get credit for the biometric screening as long as it is completed by June 30, 2014.

Watch for biometric screening events to be held at the University of Alaska’s sites (for employees only)—or you can complete a biometric screening at a Quest Diagnostics PSC or through your doctor’s office using a Health Care Provider Form.
NEXT STOP: 
THE HEALTHYROADS COACHING® PROGRAM

We want you to have the tools you need to change or continue your path to better health. If your biometric numbers aren’t where you want them to be, the Healthyroads Coaching program can help you decrease your risks or manage a health condition.

Whether your goal is to manage your weight, quit smoking, exercise more, or stress less, Healthyroads Coaching programs give you the motivation and information you need to change your everyday habits and reduce the risks of serious health conditions that can result from obesity, smoking, and other unhealthy behaviors.

Healthyroads Coaching is offered by health coaches who are experienced and able to provide the education, motivation, and support for your unique personal health goals.

To enroll in the program, go to Healthyroads.com, click on “Sign Up,” then follow the prompts. Once you’re logged in successfully, go to “Enroll in Coaching” if it’s listed in the My Roadmap section, or go to “Phone-based Coaching” under the “My Programs” tab, then click the “Enroll” button and follow the prompts.

Participation in a coaching program is completely voluntary—YOU choose the Healthyroads Coaching program that best suits your needs. When you participate in the coaching program and complete a progress review session with a coach, you can choose one of 8 Milestone Kits, which feature exercise, weight management, or stress management products that can help you reach your health goals.
FUEL UP WITH ONLINE COURSES (E-COACHING)

The self-guided courses can help you learn more about a variety of health and fitness topics—at your own pace. Focus on the courses suggested by your PHA results or those of special interest to you that will help you reach your goals. Each course is based on up-to-date clinical information, and made up of interactive classes and tools you can view from your home or office. Class handouts, quizzes, and optional articles are also provided to help you get more from your learning experience.

SCHEDULING COACHING

Your first coaching session can be scheduled on Healthyroads.com or by calling Healthyroads Customer Service at 877.330.2746, Monday through Friday, from 4 a.m. to 5 p.m. Alaska time. Coaching calls are limited to one call per week, subject to availability of coaching staff. You can schedule your coaching calls between 4 a.m. and 6 p.m. Alaska time Monday through Friday, and between 6 a.m. and 3 p.m. Alaska time on Saturdays.

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PIT STOP
AT HEALTHYROADS.COM

In addition to the Coaching program, Healthyroads.com provides a comprehensive set of wellness tools to help you reach your goals. They include:

CARDIO / STRENGTH EXERCISE PLANNERS
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HEALTH TRACKERS
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WELLNESS LIBRARY
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AN EXPERT BLOG
This informative resource is updated regularly by the Healthyroads health services team with views and comments on a variety of health topics.

DAILY WELLNESS EMAIL AND TEXT REMINDERS
Register for a daily wellness email or text reminder, offered Monday through Friday, and choose from a variety of topics.

HEALTHYROADS CONNECTED!
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ACCESS TO NATIONAL FITNESS FACILITY AFFINITY PROGRAM
You have access to membership discounts at more than 12,000 fitness clubs and exercise centers nationwide.

ASK A COACH
You can find answers to your own personal health questions through a secure and private message center with a Healthyroads Coach®. You can select a health topic and send a question, and a coach will research the answer and reply within approximately 2 business days.

ONLINE COMPETITIONS AND TODAY’S CHALLENGES
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A LIFE-LONG JOURNEY

Use these tools to take stock in your health and continue on your path today, tomorrow, and forever. The way to a healthier you is at your fingertips! Log on to Healthyroads.com or call 877.330.2746 and travel to total health today.

Your employer is committed to helping you achieve your best health status. Rewards for participating in a wellness program are available to all employees/spouses/FIPs enrolled on the health plan. If you think you might be unable to meet a standard for a reward under this wellness program, you might qualify for an opportunity to earn the same reward by different means. Healthyroads will work with you (and, if you wish, with your doctor) to find a wellness program with the same reward that is right for you in light of your health status.