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Designing a Compliant Wellness Program

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Employers that sponsor group health plans are generally prohibited under the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and HIPAA from charging similarly-situated employees different amounts for benefits (through deductibles, co-payments or other cost sharing requirements) based on a health factor.

However, compliant wellness programs provide an exception to this general rule.

We will discuss these frequently asked questions about wellness programs – and more:

- What is a participatory wellness program?
- What is a health-contingent wellness program?
 - When is a health-contingent wellness program considered “activity-only” or “outcome-based”?
 - What makes a program reasonably designed to promote health and prevent disease?
 - What is a reasonable alternative standard for obtaining a reward under a health-contingent wellness program?
 - What special rules apply in the case of a wellness program which applies a tobacco surcharge?
- What is the maximum reward permitted under a wellness program and is any form of reward subject to tax?
- What nondiscrimination requirements apply to participatory and health-contingent wellness programs?
- Does the ADA, GINA, NLRA and EEOC guidance apply to wellness programs?

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