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# **FEATURE**

### Are You a Savvy Healthcare Consumer?

**Tinancial Health** is the theme of the **\Gamma** PEHP Wellness July newsletter. Did you know that PEHP health plans are self-funded? What you and your employer pay is based on how you utilize healthcare. Low disease and low utilization means lower premiums. You are more in control of your health than you might realize. Experts say nearly half of all diseases can be prevented by lifestyle choices. Those choices affect your lifespan, your quality of life, how you look, and how you feel. They also impact your financial health.

Be an active participant and savvy healthcare consumer by utilizing programs and resources offered by PEHP Wellness.



Our staff and services can help you take control of your health. To begin the month we invite you to register for our July webinar titled Salsa and Savings. Learn how to improve investment choices while saving for retirement. We hope you enjoy this issue.

- Your PEHP Wellness Team

### FINANCIAL HEALTH QUOTE

"Health is like money, we never have a true idea of its value until we lose it."

- Josh Billings

### Salsa and Savings

What: Salsa and saving for retirement have a lot more in common than you may think. Learn how choosing investments for your 401k, 457, 403b or IRA is simply like making salsa.

When: Tuesday, July 1, 2014 at Noon

Presenter: Michael Wilson, URS Education and Marketing Representative.

Register here.

Can't make it? All webinars are archived for future viewing – visit our archive section <u>here</u>. (m)

### KNOW.PLAN.ACT.

The first step to better health is knowing your numbers for things like cholesterol, blood sugar, blood pressure, and BMI (body mass index). Use Your Health **Snapshot** when you log in \ to your myPEHP account and view your most current numbers and create a plan to improve your health.

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### Ready to Put Your Money Where Your Mouth is?

Consider the connection between your physical health and your financial health. Keeping your fitness level in check requires discipline and organization; skills that are essential to having a fuller wallet.

It turns out that money can influence your fitness, as well. A new concept in



weight loss and fitness, called 'diet bets', have raised sharply in popularity. Websites that

organize diet bets ask you to set a goal weight and put a small amount of money into a "pot" for the winner. You then invite friends to join and aim to achieve the goal weight by a predetermined end date. Everyone who has lost a certain percentage of their body weight splits the pot of money at the end!

Check out examples of popular diet bet.

### Find Motivation, Ideas Through Listserv

PEHP Healthy Utah sponsors an electronic mail server, known as a Listsery. This service distributes periodic messages by email to all members of the list.

There are a variety of topics to subscribe to such as **Take** 

Charge for Diabetes selfmanagement, Lighten Up for weight management, and Work Well for PEHP Wellness Councils.

We also have a Listserv dedicated specifically to exercise called **Move It!** Whether you are beginning

an exercise program or training for a marathon, the **Move It!** Listserv can provide a boost of motivation to keep moving and provide fitness ideas that you might not have considered.

Learn more and subscribe <a href="here">here</a>. <a href="here">here</a>.

# WORKOUT WARRIOR

### **385 PARTICIPANTS IN MAY**

The theme of the May Workout Warrior was **Safe Steps** – 385 Workout Warriors participated. Marilee W.



was the random winner of an Amazon gift card. Congratulations Marilee!

The theme for

July is **Finance Your Fitness.** Regular physical activity is the key to general health and longevity. Learn more about Workout Warrior and how to participate <a href="here">here</a>.

Keep moving!

### **FINANCIAL HEALTH QUOTE**

"So many people spend their health gaining wealth, and then have to spend their wealth to regain their health."

– A.J. Reb Materi





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# Eating Well on a Budget

ne complaint about eating healthful foods is that they cost more.

Here my is a great article from www.eatingwell.com, "15 Tricks to Save Money on Food but Still Eat Well."

The article discusses salad greens, herbs and spices, buying in bulk, stocking your pantry, lean cuts of meat, and a lot more!

Here are a few recipes to try!

22 Healthy Lunch Ideas Superfast Summer Recipes Superfast Summer Recipes



# By Tiffany Anderson

### Safeguard Your Money When You Travel

**D**lanning a summer vacation? **L** Keep your money safe! Here's some advice for protection against theft while traveling:

- » Divide up your cash. Don't carry a single wad of money in one pocket. Split it up and safeguard it in different locations on your body.
- » Have small bills ready. Keep a stash of money in smaller denominations - singles and fives – at the ready so you don't have to flash a stack of twenties or fifties to buy a



pack of gum. Keep larger bills secure at all times.

» Watch your wallet. Go through your wallet and take out anything you won't need on your trip – your library card or grocery store discount card, for example. A thinner wallet is easier to handle.

### **PEHP HEALTHY UTAH SUCCESS STORY**

Congratulations to PEHP member Velaine T! Read how she and her coworkers at Workforce Services lost a total of 12.2% body fat in one month with the help of PEHP Healthy Utah. Read more here.

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## PEHPWAISTAWEIGH

# Kate C.: Vary Exercise, Add Color to Plate



From a young age, I struggled with weight. My doctor suggested exercise and tracking

calories. I found I liked exercising to music. I ate diet foods to lose weight but it wasn't balanced. My exercise was all cardio to burn

calories and I didn't spend time targeting muscles. I tracked my calories but my weight fluctuated.

After I had my daughter last year, I wanted healthy changes for life. I started PEHP Waist Aweigh and MyFitnessPal to track calories. I also learned from my daughter's PBS kids' show: make your plate like a rainbow. We cook at home, bring healthy options to parties, and avoid eating late. I now focus on alternating cardio with weights. It is new to me, but makes a difference - the last 10 pounds were easier to lose instead of the hardest!

I now weigh 131.4. Best of all, I am learning to maintain my weight and training to run a 5k with my husband! Read Kate's entire story here.



### **PEHP WAIST AWEIGH**

Have a BMI of 30 or higher? With your dedication and our support, a healthier lifestyle is within reach with PEHP Waist Aweigh.



### **SHOUT OUTS**

Congratulations to Alisha M. who graduated from PEHP Waist Aweigh in June! Look for her inspiring story in an upcoming newsletter.

### **FINANCIAL HEALTH QUOTE**

"Food, like your money, should be working for you!"

– Rita Deattrea Beckford, MD

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# MARKYOURCALENDAR

Sign up for a PEHP Healthy Utah testing session.



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		,	July Workout Warrior Registration closes	3	Independence Day PEHP Offices Closed	5
		HU TESTING SESSION SLC: 8:30-12:15/1:30-4:15	HU TESTING SESSION Salem: 9-12:45/2-4:45	HUTESTING SESSION Murray: 8:30-12:15/1:30-4:15		
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27	28	29	August Workout Warrior Registration opens	31		
Health Tool of the Week:  URS Personal Planning Seminars	HUTESTING SESSION Nephi: 9:30-12:15/1:30-4:15	HUTESTING SESSION Cedar City: 9-12:15/1:30-4:15	HUTESTING SESSION Beaver: 9-12:15/1:30-3:15	HU TESTING SESSION Heber City: 9-12:15/1:30-4:15		