# **Medica** February Wellness News



## Get moving for a healthier heart

According to the American Heart Association, cardiovascular disease is the leading cause of death in the United States. Your heart is the hardest working muscle in your body. So it's critical to take good care of it to maintain overall health. Getting regular physical activity — like walking and yoga — is a great way to work on strengthening your heart. Especially when combined with a healthy diet, exercise is a powerful method to protect your heart and help you live longer. Medica has several resources to help motivate you to get moving during American Heart Month and beyond.

## Ovia Health

## Free heart health webinar: February 13, 2024 at 12 pm CST

Join Ovia's care experts for an in-depth discussion about women's unique risk factors that may play a bigger role in the development of heart disease.

## Register now

## My Health Rewards by Medica®



Build healthier habits with My Health Rewards by Medica.<sup>®</sup> You can track your steps and other activity to make steady progress toward health improvements and earn rewards. It's easy to connect your personal fitness tracker to get credit for your steps and activity. You can sync with a variety of devices and apps.

After you register for your My Health Rewards account, download the free Virgin Pulse app from the <u>App</u> <u>Store</u> or <u>Google Play</u>. Sign in to your account on the app to get started.

## Sync your fitness tracker

- 1. <u>Sign in to your My Health Rewards account.</u>
- 2. Go to "More" on the menu bar and tap on "Devices & Apps."
- 3. Choose the device or app you'd like to connect.
- 4. Follow a few simple steps. You'll see instructions right on your screen.

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#### Take a "Getting Active" Journey®

Complete a Journey to help motivate you to take small steps to increase your activity. <u>Sign in</u> to your My Health Rewards account, go to the "Health" tab, and choose "Journeys" to get started.

Getting Active



#### Reminder: Music of the World challenge

What is good for our heart is good for our soul. Nothing gets us moving — truly moving — like music. Moving is essential to a healthy heart. This musical journey will take you all over the world in search of music's coolest venues and most fascinating histories.

**Who can join?** Employees and family members ages 18+ who are enrolled in a Medica health plan and have a <u>My Health Rewards by Medica<sup>®</sup> Standard or Results account</u>.

**Registration dates:** Feb. 2 – 14, 2024 **Challenge dates:** Feb. 12 – 26, 2024

On Feb. 2, watch for email reminders from My Health Rewards and messages on the My Health Rewards website and app under the "Social/Challenges" section. You'll even earn points for joining and participating. Sign in to your My Health Rewards account to join on Feb. 2.

