**The Auburn University Employee Assistance Program**

**Effective January 1, 2020**

**Administered by**

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Living a healthy, satisfying lifestyle includes your physical health and emotional well-being. However, life can be a challenge as you juggle the demands of work, home, and other obligations. Auburn University (Auburn) helps you achieve balance in your life by providing EAP services.

**What an EAP Is**

An EAP is an employer-sponsored service providing a variety of support programs to you concerning work-related difficulties, as well as problems originating outside the workplace when such troubles affect your work attendance or on-the-job performance.

**What an EAP is Not**

An EAP does not provide counseling, treatment for clinical diagnoses, or other psychiatric services. If you are in need of such services, please refer to your medical benefit plan.

**Eligibility**

EAP services are available to you and your eligible dependents. Please see your Human Resources representative for the definition of *eligible dependent*.

**Cost**

Services are provided 100% by Auburn at no cost to you and your eligible dependents.

**Covered Benefits**

***Assessment and Referral Services***

You and each of your eligible dependents can receive up to **three (3)** free sessions per plan year for issues that do not involve clinical diagnoses. These issues include, but are not limited to:

* Grief and loss
* Coping with change
* Marital/family issues
* Interpersonal relationship difficulties
* Stress-related problems
* Addiction assessment and referral
* Referrals to other professionals when necessary
* Telephonic support from American Behavioral staff clinicians

Assessment and referral services are provided by **in-network masters level professionals** and **require pre-authorization**. To find an in-network provider, use the EAP provider search at [**www.americanbehavioral.com**](http://www.americanbehavioral.com)**,** or call American Behavioral at 1-800-925-5EAP (5327). Our associates will assist you in finding a provider and/or obtaining pre-authorization.

***Online Support Groups***

Online support groups from Integrated Behavioral Health (IBH) are an EAP enhancement provided by your employer. Each group is led by a specially trained peer specialist.

These groups are easy to access by computer, tablet, or smartphone. You have up to 10 free online sessions in a group that suits your needs, including:

* Addiction Recovery;
* Depression Recovery;
* Employed and Depressed;
* Bipolar Support;
* Depression Support; or
* Women's Depression Support.

Call American Behavioral at 800-925-5EAP (5327), and one of our care managers will quickly register you for your preferred support group.

***24/7 Wellbeing Support with Tess, Your Wellness Chatbot***

Tess is a mental health chatbot (artificial intelligence) that provides emotional support and check-ins to boost your wellbeing. Tess is available 24/7 to talk with you at your convenience.

* Chat with Tess for unbiased emotional support when you need it most.
* Build resilience and self-awareness by practicing coping skills at your convenience.
* Tess provides emotional support tailored to your needs.
* Tess uses reminders and check-ins to reinforce use of skills learned in previous conversations.
* The more you chat with Tess, the more she gets to know your needs and preferences in order to deliver personalized support.
* Tess provides resources relevant to your needs.
* Confidential and secure, Tess meets HIPAA requirements to protect your privacy.

To connect with Tess, text “AB” to (650) 825-9634.

***Work/Life Services***

There may be times that you need assistance in locating additional resources to help balance your work and personal life. Your EAP provides access to the following services:

* **Community Support Resources:** access to referrals to thousands of community resources including 12-step groups, community mental health agencies, support groups, and more
* **Eldercare Support Services:** referrals for eldercare; resources and materials on retirement, housing concerns, grief and loss, disaster support, Medicare/Medicaid, and respite
* **Financial Counseling Services: one (1)** sessions with a certified financial professional with access to a 15% discount for future services and/or local community referrals to other financial advisement resources
* **Legal Counseling Services: one (1)** comprehensive legal consultations with access to a 25% discounted rate for future services. You may also receive an up to **six (6)**-page document review and complimentary simple will preparation. **Note: These services do not apply to employment issues**
* **Identity Theft Counseling Services:** Up to **three (3)** 30-minute telephonic consultations with an identity theft counselor, including complete assistance and direction about reporting identity theft or fraud to the police and assistance with obtaining your federally-mandated free credit report
* **Online Services:** The American Behavioral website allows you to navigate services offered, locate a provider in your area, take surveys, and much more. Please visit [**www.americanbehavioral.com**](http://www.americanbehavioral.com)

***Personal Advantage***

Personal Advantage is an online tool that contains more than 20,000 articles and interactive modules involving work/life topics such as emotional well-being, family life, health, financial, legal, personal growth, and stress. Some popular items on the website include downloadable will kits, financial calculators, and parenting articles. Visit[**www.americanbehavioral.com**](http://www.americanbehavioral.com)and use company name ***auburnuniversity*** *to* create your username and password.

**Exclusions**

The following are excluded from your EAP services:

* Services that are not pre-authorized
* Services by an out-of-network provider
* Assessment or other services beyond the noted limits
* Psychological testing
* Career aptitude and placement services
* Outplacement counseling and services
* Psychiatric services
* Court ordered services

**Confidentiality**

All EAP consultations and referrals are confidential. It is vital for you to know that American Behavioral always maintains your privacy per state and federal regulations. We only share aggregated statistical data with Auburn, and we will not share any private information without your written permission. The only exceptions are when the life or safety of an individual is seriously threatened or if disclosure is required by law.

**Notice of Nondiscrimination**

American Behavioral complies with applicable Federal civil rights laws and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex. We do not exclude people or treat them differently because of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex.

American Behavioral:

* + Provides free aids and services to people with disabilities to communicate effectively with us, such as qualified sign language interpreters and written information in other formats (large print, audio, accessible electronic formats, other formats)
  + Provides free language services to people whose primary language is not English, such as qualified interpreters and in formation written in other languages

If you need these services, contact American Behavioral at 1-800-677-4544. If you believe that we have failed to provide these services or discriminated in another way on the basis of race, color, national origin, age, disability, or sex, you can file a grievance in person, by mail, or by fax.

**IMPORTANT:** See the *Important Contact Information section* of this *Handbook* for address, telephone and fax information.

Send grievances to the attention of Compliance & Quality Improvement.

You can also file a civil rights complaint with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Civil Rights, electronically through the Office for Civil Rights Complaint Portal, available at <https://ocrportal.hhs.gov/ocr/portal/lobby.jsf>, or by mail or phone at:

U.S. Department of Health and Human Service

200 Independence Avenue SW

Room 509F, HHH Building

Washington, D.C. 20201

1-800-368-1019

1-800-537-7697 (TDD).

Complaint forms are available at <http://www.hhs.gov/ocr/office/file/index.html>

**Billing & Payment: Filing a Claim**

There are no claims for you to file. It is important for you to receive an authorization for services so your in-network provider may file a claim.

**Important Contact Information**

Please call American Behavioral for assistance with any questions you have concerning the provisions outlined in this EAP benefits summary. If needed, a translation service is available to assist you.

***Address***

American Behavioral

2204 Lakeshore Drive, Suite 135

Birmingham, Alabama 35209

***Telephone and Fax Numbers***

1-205-879-7957

1-800-925-5EAP (5327)

Fax: 205-868-9625

***TTY Services for the Hearing or Speech Impaired***

Call the Nationwide Relay Service at **711**

#### *Web Site*

[**www.americanbehavioral.com**](http://www.americanbehavioral.com)

#### *On Line Appointment Requests*

[**www.americanbehavioral.com**](http://www.americanbehavioral.com)

**Foreign Language Assistance**

**Spanish:** ATENCIÓN: si habla español, tiene a su disposición servicios gratuitos de asistencia lingüística. Llame al 1-855-216-3144 (TTY: 711)

**Korean:** 주의: 한국어를 사용하시는 경우, 언어 지원 서비스를 무료로 이용하실 수 있습니다. 1-855-216-3144 (TTY: 711)번으로 전화해 주십시오.

**Chinese:** 注意：如果您使用繁體中文，您可以免費獲得語言援助服務。請致電 1-855-216-3144 (TTY: 711）。

**Vietnamese:** CHÚ Ý: Nếu bạn nói Tiếng Việt, có các dịch vụ hỗ trợ ngôn ngữ miễn phí dành cho bạn. Gọi số 1-855-216-3144 (TTY: 711).

**Arabic:** (الهاتف النصي: 711). 1-855-216-3144 انتباه: إذا كنت تتحدث العربية، توجد خدمات مساعدة فيما يتعلق باللغة، بدون تكلفة، متاحة لك. اتصل بـ

**German:** ACHTUNG: Wenn Sie Deutsch sprechen, stehen Ihnen kostenlos sprachliche Hilfsdienstleistungen zur Verfügung. Rufnummer: 1-855-216-3144 (TTY: 711).

**French:** ATTENTION: Si vous parlez français, des services d'aide linguistique vous sont proposés gratuitement. Appelez le 1-855-216-3144 (ATS: 711).

**French Creole:** ATANSYON: Si w pale Kreyòl Ayisyen, gen sèvis èd pou lang ki disponib gratis pou ou. Rele 1-855-216-3144 (TTY: 711).

**Gujarati:** ધ્યાન આપો: જો તમે ગુજરાતી બોલતા હોય, તો ભાષા સહાયતા સેવા, તમારા માટે નિઃશુલ્ક ઉપલબ્ધ છે. 1-855-216-3144 પર કૉલ કરો (TTY: 711).

**Tagalog:** PAUNAWA: Kung nagsasalita ka ng Tagalog, maaari kang gumamit ng mga serbisyo ng tulong sa wika nang walang bayad. Tumawag sa 1-855-216-3144 (TTY: 711).

**Hindi:** ध्यान दें: अगर आपकी भाषा हिंदी है, तो आपके लिए भाषा सहायता सेवाएँ निःशुल्क उपलब्ध हैं। 1-855-216-3144 (TTY: 711) पर कॉल करें।

**Laotian:** ໂປດຊາບ: ຖ້າວ່າ ທ່ານເວົ້າພາສາ ລາວ, ການບໍລິການຊ່ວຍເຫຼືອດ້ານພາສາ, ໂດຍບໍ່ເສັຽຄ່າ, ແມ່ນມີພ້ອມໃຫ້ທ່ານ. ໂທຣ 1-855-216-3144 (TTY: 711).

**Russian:** ВНИМАНИЕ: Если вы говорите на русском языке, то вам доступны бесплатные услуги перевода. Звоните 1-855-216-3144 (телетайп: 711).

**Portuguese:** ATENÇÃO: Se fala português, encontram-se disponíveis serviços linguísticos, grátis. Ligue para 1-855-216-3144 (TTY: 711).

**Polish:** UWAGA: Jeżeli mówisz po polsku, możesz skorzystać z bezpłatnej pomocy językowej. Zadzwoń pod numer 1-855-216-3144 (TTY: 711).

**Turkish:** DİKKAT: Eğer Türkçe konuşuyor iseniz, dil yardımı hizmetlerinden ücretsiz olarak yararlanabilirsiniz. 1-855-216-3144 (TTY: 711) irtibat numaralarını arayın.

**Italian:** ATTENZIONE: In caso la lingua parlata sia l'italiano, sono disponibili servizi di assistenza linguistica gratuiti. Chiamare il numero 1-855-216-3144 (TTY: 711).

**Japanese:** 注意事項：日本語を話される場合、無料の言語支援をご利用いただけます。1-855-216-3144（TTY: 711）まで、お電話にてご連絡ください。