## **WE CARE ABOUT YOUR HEALTH**

# HELPFUL THINGS TO REMEMBER

We realize you may not be interested in any programs or services at this time but wanted to make you aware of things you can do until we contact you again. Remember that making small changes every day can lead up to big changes in your overall health.

#### MANAGE BLOOD PRESSURE

- **BLOOD PRESSURE** is the force of blood pushing against blood vessel walls. Sometimes the pressure is too high, causing a condition known as **HIGH** blood pressure.
- STRESS and POOR DIET have been linked to high blood pressure.
- KNOW YOUR NUMBERS. Be sure to track your blood pressure online through the **BLOOD** PRESSURE TRACKER
  - -SIGN UP online at https://cip-dhhs.ne.gov/redcap/surveys/?s=4LENCNDT84
    - -Once you fill out your information you'll receive a health coach and then email reminders every 3-4 days
    - -GOAL: Enter 2-3 blood pressure readings WEEKLY for up to 12 WEEKS

#### **BODY MASS INDEX**

- Get 150 MINUTES of ACTIVITY each WEEK.
- **REGULAR** activity helps improve your overall health.
- BEING ACTIVE can help keep your thinking. learning, and judgment skills **SHARP** as you age. •
- BEING ACTIVE may help you SLEEP better.
- **NOT** smoking or using tobacco products is **ONE** of the BEST things you can do for your health. The Nebraska Tobacco Quitline can help YOU quit. CALL 1-800-QUIT-NOW to receive FREE and confidential, 24/7 access to counseling and support services.

## **MANAGE CHOLESTEROL**

- **CHOLESTEROL** is a fatty substance that is made by your body. You can also find it in foods that come from animals (meat, eggs, cheese).
- POOR DIET have been linked to high cholesterol.
- **KNOW YOUR NUMBERS.** Be sure to get your cholesterol checked at your doctors office or at a local health department.





#### **BLOOD SUGAR**

- **BALANCE YOUR CALORIES** to find your calorie level go to: www.choosemyplate.gov
- Eat MORE vegetables, fruits, whole grains, and fat-free or 1% milk and dairy products.
- **CUT BACK on foods high in solid fats, added** sugars and salt (cakes, cookies, ice cream, sweetened drinks).
- LOWER your sodium (salt) in the foods you eat.
- Drink **WATER** instead of sugary drinks.

### **WAIST CIRCUMFERENCE**

Maintain a **HEALTHY** weight. Learning to balance healthy EATING and PHYSICAL ACTIVITY can help you lose weight and keep it off.

# **KNOW Your Numbers**





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BODY MASS INDEX (BMI)

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