

# For Employees: What is the Employee Assistance Program?



The Employee Assistance Program is provided by ComPsych® GuidanceResources® and offers counseling, work-life assistance and crisis intervention services to you and your household family members.

## Why is your employer providing access to an EAP?

Because your employer cares about you and your dependents. The EAP can be used free of charge as needed when you or your dependents are facing emotional or other concerns.

## Are the services confidential?

Yes, the EAP is strictly confidential. No information about your participation in the program is provided to your employer.

## Why might my family or I use the services?

There are many reasons to use these services. You may wish to contact the EAP if you:

- Are feeling overwhelmed by the demands of balancing work and family
- Are experiencing stress, anxiety or depression
- Are dealing with grief and loss
- Need assistance with child or elder care concerns
- Have concerns about substance abuse for yourself or a dependent

## What happens when I call?

When you call, you will speak with a GuidanceConsultant<sup>SM</sup>, a master's- or PhD-level counselor who will collect some general information about you and will talk with you about your needs. The GuidanceConsultant<sup>SM</sup> will provide the name of a counselor who can assist you. You can then set up an appointment to speak with the counselor over the phone or schedule a face-to-face visit.

## What counseling services does the EAP provide? 3 face-to-face or virtual sessions per person, per issue, per year

The EAP provides free short-term counseling with counselors in your area who can help you with your emotional concerns.

If the counselor determines that your issues can be resolved with short-term counseling, you will receive counseling through the EAP. However, if it is determined that the problem cannot be resolved in short-term counseling in the EAP and you will need longer-term treatment, you will be referred to a specialist early on and your insurance coverage will be activated.

## Can my children use the EAP?

Yes. The EAP is a confidential benefit for employees and their household family members.

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