

A BENEFITS MANAGER'S GUIDE

## 2026 Financial Wellness Calendar for Employees

Your month-by-month roadmap to building a financially confident, healthy, and high-performing workforce in 2026.

January
Foundation
Setting & Annual
Planning

January sets the tone for your organization's financial wellness strategy. This is the ideal time to assess employee needs, review last year's metrics, and establish goals, budgets, and priorities for the year ahead.

- <u>Financial wellness audit quiz:</u> Quickly evaluate your organization's financial wellness maturity and identify where to focus your 2026 strategy.
- How Do I Use Wellness Dollars?: Learn how to maximize wellness budgets and allocate funds to high-impact financial wellbeing initiatives.
- Bots & Benefits: How AI Will Transform Employee Wellness Forever: Explore how AI will reshape benefits education and enhance the impact of your employee wellbeing programs.
- <u>2026 Employee Benefits & Wellbeing Trends Playbook:</u> Get a strategic overview of the trends shaping employee wellbeing and how they connect money, mind, culture, and performance.

February
Understanding
Your Employee
Demographics &
Financial Stress
Points

February focuses on analyzing demographic differences, identifying key financial stressors, and using employee data to tailor financial wellness programs that meet the diverse needs of your workforce.

- <u>Financial Stress: The Unseen Crisis Affecting Your Workforce:</u> Learn how financial stress is impacting employee mental health, productivity, and organizational performance.
- <u>5 Shocking Facts About Your Employees' Finances:</u> Uncover datadriven insights about the hidden financial struggles within your workforce to better target program support.
- Deloitte Research Report: Financial Wellbeing in the Workplace:

  Deloitte's research highlights how financial stress varies across
  employee groups and offers clear insights to help HR tailor more
  inclusive financial wellness strategies.

March
Tax Season
Support &
Financial Literacy
Basics

March is the ideal time to provide tax-related guidance, strengthen employee understanding of pre-tax benefits, and build foundational financial literacy across your organization.

- Can I Withdraw Money from My Health Savings Account? Everything
   <u>You Need to Know:</u> Help employees confidently navigate HSA rules,
   qualified expenses, and smart withdrawal strategies during tax season.
- <u>A Practical Guide for Employers: Building a Financially Literate</u>
   <u>Workforce:</u> Learn how to create effective financial literacy programs
   that meet employees where they are and drive long-term wellbeing.
- <u>Tax Time Savings & Financial Tips:</u> Federal guidance that helps employees use tax season to build savings, reduce debt, and make smart financial decisions.

April
Retirement
Planning
Programs &
401(k)
Optimization

April is the time to strengthen retirement readiness by maximizing plan participation and supporting employees with tools like auto-enrollment, auto-escalation, and personalized retirement assessments.

- <u>Retirement Readiness: A Must-Have Checklist:</u> Give employees a simple, actionable framework to evaluate their retirement preparedness and identify next steps for long-term financial stability.
- Why Baby Boomers Are Delaying Retirement—and What It Means for <u>Employers:</u> Understand the shifting retirement landscape and its implications for workforce planning, benefits design, and organizational strategy.
- <u>Pete's Retirement Calculator:</u> Use this straightforward tool and <u>this accompanying blog</u> to help employees estimate retirement needs and make more confident savings decisions.

May Student Loan Assistance & Debt Management Programs May focuses on helping employees manage debt by offering student loan support, educating on forgiveness programs, and providing access to personalized debt counseling resources.

- <u>Webinar: Student Loan Repayments:</u> Get up-to-date guidance on repayment changes and equip employees with strategies to manage their student loan obligations effectively.
- <u>Student Loan Repayments Are Draining Employees:</u> Learn how student debt is impacting your workforce and why targeted support can significantly improve financial wellbeing and retention.
- <u>Student Loan Resources for Borrowers:</u> A trusted federal guide that helps employees understand repayment protections, borrower rights, and options for managing student loan debt.



June
Mid-Year
Check-ins &
Emergency
Savings
Programs

June is the ideal moment to assess program effectiveness, promote emergency savings habits, explore employer-sponsored savings options, and support employees facing summer financial pressures.

- <u>How Much Emergency Fund Should You Have?</u>: Give employees clear guidance on determining the right-sized emergency fund to strengthen financial stability and reduce unexpected stress.
- Should You Use Savings to Pay Off Your Credit Card Debt?: Help employees make informed decisions by explaining when paying down high-interest debt should take priority over short-term savings.
- Helping Employees Set Up an Emergency Fund: Provide HR teams with strategies to encourage consistent savings habits and support employees in building financial resilience.
- 3 Ways to Evaluate the Effectiveness of Corporate Wellness
   Programs: Use this framework to assess mid-year program performance, identify gaps, and refine your financial wellness strategy for stronger outcomes.

July
Healthcare Cost
Management &
HSA Strategies

July is the perfect time to educate employees on healthcare spending, strengthen HSA utilization, clarify insurance options, and begin preparing for open enrollment communication.

- What is a Health Savings Account?: Give employees a clear, accessible explanation of how HSAs work and why they're a powerful tool for managing healthcare costs.
- Getting the most out of your HSA: Help employees maximize tax advantages, contribution strategies, and long-term savings opportunities through effective HSA usage.
- <u>Can I withdraw money from my Health Savings Account?</u>: Equip employees with guidance on qualified expenses, withdrawal rules, and smart decision-making around HSA spending.
- <u>Understanding Your Employee Benefit Options:</u> Provide employees with a simplified overview of plan types and coverage choices to support confident open enrollment decisions.

August
Work-Life
Balance &
Dependent Care
Benefits

August is an ideal time to support employees facing back-to-school stress and the combined childcare and eldercare pressures of the sandwich generation.

- <u>Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account Ultimate Guide:</u> Help employees understand eligible expenses, contribution strategies, and how to maximize tax savings through dependent care FSAs.
- <u>Supporting Caregivers in the Workplace: A Practical Guide for Employers:</u> Use this comprehensive guide to strengthen caregiving support by understanding employee needs, benefit design, and effective implementation strategies.
- <u>Child Care Perks You Can Offer to Your Employees:</u> Explore practical childcare benefit options that reduce employee stress and improve work-life balance for working parents.



September
Open Enrollment
Preparation &
Benefits
Communication

September focuses on building strong benefits communication strategies, developing decision-support tools, and equipping managers to confidently answer employee questions ahead of open enrollment.

- <u>8 questions to ask when shopping for a financial wellness benefit:</u> Use this guide to evaluate potential financial wellness partners and ensure you choose solutions that truly meet employee needs.
- <u>Create an Engaging Employee Communication Plan:</u> Learn how to develop clear, targeted benefits messaging that boosts understanding and increases employee engagement.
- Podcast: How to Communicate Employee Benefits and Leverage
   Them for Engagement: Hear expert insights on simplifying complex benefits information and using communication to strengthen workforce participation

October
Open Enrollment
Execution & Total
Rewards
Education

October is dedicated to running effective enrollment campaigns, helping employees understand their full total rewards package, and providing personalized support as they make key benefits decisions.

- <u>ROI Calculator:</u> Show employees the financial impact of their benefit choices by offering tools that help them visualize long-term value and savings.
- 47 Unique Company Perks to Promote Employee Wellbeing (Without Breaking the Bank): Highlight creative, low-cost perks that enhance your total rewards strategy and help employees see the full value of what your organization offers.
- How to make open enrollment a success and maximize benefits: A
  practical HR-focused guide on simplifying benefit explanations,
  increasing participation, and executing a smooth enrollment process.

November

Mental Health &
Financial
Wellness
Integration

November highlights the connection between financial stress and mental well-being by addressing financial anxiety, enhancing EAP offerings, and supporting employees through holiday-related financial pressures.

- Addressing the Silent Struggle: Financial Stress and Mental Health:
   Explore how financial anxiety affects employee mental health and learn strategies to integrate financial support into existing wellbeing programs.
- <u>Financial Stress and Mental Health Statistics:</u> Understand the data behind how financial pressures influence emotional wellbeing, productivity, and workplace engagement.
- <u>Feels Good Is Good: The Impact of Financial Stability on Your Life:</u> Use
  this short video to show employees how improving financial stability
  positively affects mental health, stress levels, and overall life
  satisfaction.



Program
Evaluation

December is dedicated to evaluating program effectiveness, gathering employee feedback, finalizing next year's initiatives, and celebrating financial wellness wins across your organization.

- What's the ROI of a Financial Wellness Program?: Use this calculator to quantify the organizational impact of your financial wellness initiatives and guide next year's strategy.
- Breaking Free: Conquering Money Stress and Regaining Financial
   Wellness: Share this resource to help employees reflect on their
   progress, reduce lingering financial stress, and enter the new year with
   renewed confidence.
- <u>Empowering Employees with Financial Wellness Tools:</u> HR-focused article on how year-end is a strategic moment to optimize benefits, drive engagement, and embed financial wellness programs.

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