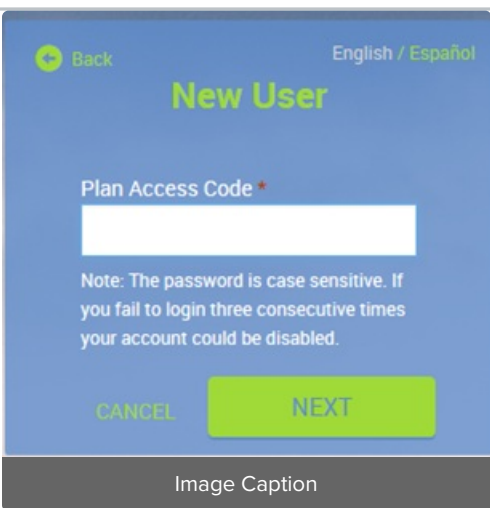# Employee Online Account Access Assistance

Our Service Center needs specific information to assist participants with account access and to reset login credentials.

There are a few scenarios that will prompt the Service Center to request your approval to share information or update a piece of data. If you receive a request from us or the participant reaches out to you and indicates they cannot access their account online, you may need to ask a few questions to determine what information you need to provide to the participant.

Plan Access Code

If a participant is registering online for the first time they will need the Plan Access Code, which is available in the **Retirement Plan Education** document (a.k.a. enrollment kit), and can be found in the Forms section in the Plan Sponsor Web. Please provide this information to the participant so they will be able to set up their online account. If a participant with a balance contacts our Service Center for this information, we will email you to either provide it to the participant or give us permission to do so.
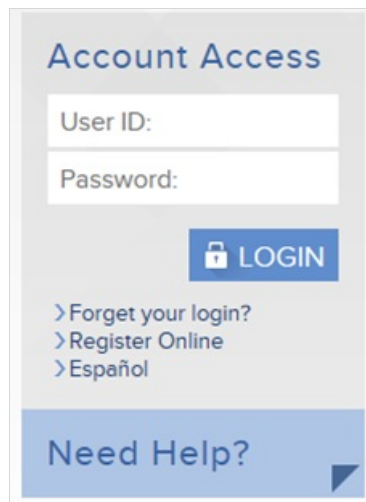

Image Caption

Default Credentials

There are instances when a participant will already be set up in our system with "default credentials" or a default user ID and password. This can occur if the account log in has been reset but online registration has not been completed. In these cases, there will not be any security questions on file.

If the participant contacts the Service Center and is not able to verify a security question - that they would have set up in our system - we will refer the participant back to you for the **default credentials**. *In this case, please contact your plan administrator for your plan's default credentials.* This information is entered in the Account Access screen and the Plan Access Code is **not** required.

Forgot Login – Cannot Answer Security Question

When a participant is looking for a password reset, they can request this online by selecting **Forget your login?** on the Account Access page or by contacting the Service Center directly. In both instances they will be prompted to answer a security question. If they cannot answer their security question, the Service Center cannot reset their account credentials. We will refer them back to you for assistance.
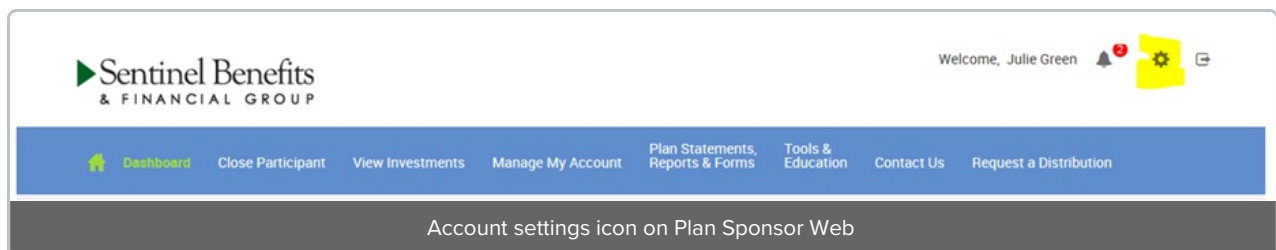
Request Account Credentials to be Reset by Sentinel

If the participant cannot recall or does not have security questions, you can request that Sentinel reset the account information. Please **Email** your Plan Consultant to request the account be reset. Your Plan Consultant will update the log in credentials to the Default Credentials. Please provide the participant with the Default information as outlined in item 2.

Can You Help Your Participants Through Plan Sponsor Web?

Yes. By accessing the participant account in Plan Sponsor Web you are able to help them add an email or re-establish security questions. This will allow them to use the **Forget your login?** feature or be able to contact our Service Center for further assistance with their online account. Here's how to help:

1. Once in the participant account, you will click on their **account settings icon** (looks like a gear):

Account settings icon on Plan Sponsor Web

2. Select **Personal Info** from the menu:

Personal Info menu selection

3. Expand the email or security question options section and enter an email address or 3 different security questions and answers. Click **Submit**.

Email and security question options section

*Securing the participant account and ensuring the credentials are unique and individual to each participant is a priority. If you choose to assist the participant with re-establishing their questions, the participant must then log in on their own and update their security questions and answers.

Have questions or need further assistance? Please contact your Plan Consultant.