

# Flexible Spending Accounts

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**Using a Flexible Spending Account (FSA) is a great way to stretch your benefit dollars.** You use pre-tax dollars in your FSA to reimburse yourself for eligible out-of-pocket medical and dependent care expenses. That means you can enjoy tax savings with the convenience of a prepaid benefits card. And that makes real sense.

## WHAT IS AN FSA?

With an FSA, you elect to have your annual contribution (up to the annual limit set by the IRS) deducted from your paycheck each pay period in equal installments throughout the year. The amount of your pay that goes into an FSA will not count as taxable income, so you will have immediate tax savings. FSA dollars can be used during the plan year to pay for qualified expenses and services. Please check with your employer to see what plans are offered.



**A Health FSA** allows reimbursement of qualifying out-of-pocket medical expenses.

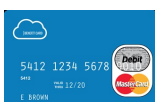


**A Dependent Care FSA** allows reimbursement of dependent care expenses, such as day care, incurred by eligible dependents.



**A Limited Purpose Health FSA** is compatible with a Health Savings Account (HSA). A limited FSA only allows reimbursement for preventive care, vision and dental expenses, keeping the employee eligible to contribute to an HSA.

With all FSA account types, you'll receive access to a secure, easy-to-use web portal where you can track your account balance, view your investment accounts and submit requests for reimbursements.



In addition, your plan might offer a convenient prepaid benefits card to make it easy to pay for eligible services and products. When you use the card, payments are automatically withdrawn from your account, so there are no out-of-pocket costs and you likely won't have to submit receipts to verify the purchase. Just swipe the card and go. It's that easy!

*Throughout the year, you'll likely find yourself with expenses for yourself and your family that insurance won't cover. By taking advantage of a health care FSA, you can actually reduce your taxable income and reduce your out-of-pocket expenses when you use your FSA to pay for health care services and products you'd purchase anyway.*

**Is an FSA right for me?** An FSA is a great way to pay for expenses with pre-tax dollars. A Health Care FSA could save you money if you or your dependents:

- Have out-of-pocket expenses like **co-pays, coinsurance, or deductibles** for health, prescription, dental or vision plans
- Have a **health condition that requires the purchase of prescription medications** on an ongoing basis
- Wear **glasses or contact lenses** or are planning **LASIK surgery**
- Need **orthodontia care, such as braces**, or have dental expenses not covered by your insurance

A Dependent Care FSA provides pre-tax reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses related to dependent care. This benefit may make sense if you (and your spouse, if married) are working or in school, and:

- Your **dependent children under age 13 attend day care, after-school care or summer day camp**
- You **provide care for a person of any age who you claim as a dependent on your federal income tax return** and who is mentally or physically incapable of caring for himself or herself

### An FSA is a great way to pay for expenses with pre-tax dollars.

- Enjoy significant tax savings with pre-tax contributions and tax-free distributions used for qualified plan expenses
- Quickly and easily access funds using the prepaid benefits card at point of sale, or request to have funds directly deposited to your bank account via online or mobile app
- Reduce filing hassles and paperwork by using your prepaid benefits card
- Enjoy secure access to accounts using a convenient Consumer Portal available 24/7/365
- Manage your FSA “on the go” with an easy-to-use mobile app
- File claims easily online (when required) and let the system determine approval based on eligibility and availability of funds
- Stay up to date on balances and action required with automated email alert and convenient portal and mobile home page messages
- Get one-click answers to benefits questions

*With the convenience of a mobile device, you can see your available balance anywhere, anytime as well as file claims and upload receipts.*



**PLAN AHEAD** Before you enroll, you must first decide how much you want to contribute to your account(s). You will want to spend some time estimating your anticipated eligible medical and dependent care expenses for the calendar year.



As of October 31, 2013 the US Treasury Department modified its Health Flexible Spending Account (FSA) Use-or-Lose rule to allow up to a \$500 carryover of Health FSA funds. The carryover option is based solely on your employer’s plan design. Not every company allows a carryover. Some employer plans may establish a lower maximum limit than \$500, but it must be uniformly applied to all eligible participants. The carryover is applicable only to Health FSAs (not to Dependent Care FSAs). Any unused amount above the carryover limit is subject to forfeiture and cannot be cashed out or transferred to other taxable or nontaxable benefits (e.g., HSAs).

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