

Flexible Spending Benefits Town of Norwell

Money Go

One of the Few Gifts the IRS Gives!

Discover the benefit that SAVES YOU MONEY. This perk allows you to set aside a portion of your pay—*BEFORE TAXES*—to cover out-of-pocket expenses in these categories:

◆ HEALTH CARE.* Eligible expenses and services include: non-cosmetic medical, dental, and vision care services; prescription medications; over-the-counter 'medicines' (not vitamins or supplements); orthodontics; prescription eyeglasses, contact lenses, laser eye surgery; mental health services; alternative health therapies (e.g. chiropractic, acupuncture), and MORE!

Max. Annual Health Care Election: \$3,050.

Who's Covered? You, your legal spouse, and your dependents as defined by the Internal Revenue Service, including those claimed on your tax return and your adult children under age 26.

Benefit Cards. New Health Care FSA enrollees will receive **2 cards** that can be used at most medical facilities, dental offices, pharmacies, and optical shops for eligible expenses. *Keep your cards!* They are reloadable for up to 5 plan years.

HSA Ineligibility. If you or your spouse have a Health Savings Account ('HSA'), you are <u>NOT</u> ELIGIBLE to participate in the Health Care FSA plan.

◆ **DEPENDENT CARE.**** For qualified <u>childcare</u> expenses of dependent children under age 13, elderly dependents, and dependents with special needs. Eligible expenses include daycare, pre-school, before/after school care, day camp, and elder daycare.

Max. Annual Dep. Care Election: \$5,000 per family.

Annual FSA administration fee is paid by your employer so you save even more!

For the
7/1/2023 – 6/30/2024
Plan Year

Already in the FSA Plan? Re-enrollment is NOT automatic!

▶ Re-enroll via your online account portal—not the mobile app! Go to cpaemployee.lh1ondemand.com and log-in on the LEFT side of the sign-in screen. On your account homepage, click the blue Enroll/Re-enroll button and follow the steps to enroll for the new plan year. Be sure to click Submit at the end of the process. (Note: We recommend printing or saving your enrollment confirmation.)

► New to the FSA Plan? Complete the "Authorization for Pre-Tax Payroll Reduction" form and send it to Cafeteria Plan Advisors via e-mail (info@cpa125.com) or fax (781-848-8477) by the deadline shown above.

Track Your Account and File Claims 24/7!

Log in to your **employee portal** via our website (www.CPA125.com), or use our **app**: **CPA Flex Mobile**.

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^{*} Not all Health Care expenses are FSA-eligible, such as: cosmetic procedures or products (e.g. Botox, teeth whitening, veneers, etc.), couples/family counseling, general health/wellness expenses (e.g. toothbrushes, toothpastes, non-prescription sunglasses, gym dues, etc.), and federally non-permissible products. Some healthcare-related expenses, such as medical equipment and some services, may require a physician's Letter of Medical Necessity in order to be FSA-eligible. Visit https://fsastore.com/CPAEligibility for more info. on specific products and services.

^{**} Overnight camp and school tuition for kindergarten and above are not FSA-eligible; day camp is eligible when utilized as a form of childcare in order for the parent(s)/guardian(s) to be able to work; extra-curricular and enrichment programs/activities that aren't daycare/childcare-based are not eligible; money paid to a childcare provider who doesn't report it as income on their taxes is not FSA-eligible.

New OTC Expenses Now Eligible For Your

When you participate in a Flexible Spending Account (FSA), you're able to contribute pre-tax funds for use on hundreds of eligible expenses. Recently, you gained even more flexibility in your ability to save when the CARES Act was signed into law.

This new legislation expanded the list of expenses that are considered eligible by **including popular over-the-counter product**s, which consumers can now purchase with their FSA without a prescription. This change went into effect on January 1, 2020, and allows over 20,000 new expenses as eligible moving forward. That's great news for consumers, since the average American shops for over-the-counter medications 26 times each year.

Here are five of the most common expenses that are <u>now eligible</u> to use FSA funds without a prescription.

Pain relief medications

Headaches. Muscle soreness. Sprains. There are so many reasons to need pain relievers. There are two common types of over-the-counter pain medications: acetaminophen and nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), both of which are now among the eligible expenses available from an FSA.

Cold and flu products

Winter may be behind us, but cold and flu season never really goes away. As much as 20 percent of the U.S. population gets the flu, on average each season. Fortunately, the over-the-counter medicines taken to cope with a severe cough or congestion are now eligible expenses.

Allergy products

Thirty percent of American adults and 40 percent of children suffer from allergies. And the cost of allergies to the healthcare system is estimated at \$18 billion. Those who do have allergies can now find relief with their HSA and FSA funds in the form of over-the-counter antihistamines and decongestants.

Heartburn medications

Heartburn is among the more common afflictions in this country. That's why Americans spend billions of dollars each year on medicines that treat heartburn. The CARES Act means that these overthe-counter drugs are FSA eligible without a prescription.

Menstrual products

The CARES Act also included menstrual care products as eligible expenses for FSAs. Eligible products include tampons, pads and menstrual sponges.

How do I know what qualifies?

- Consumers can simply scan a product bar code right in their mobile app to help determine eligibility as a qualified medical expense. That's peace of mind with a touch of a button.
- Online shopping for eligible expenses can be done on sites like FSA Store. This site is dedicated to items that are eligible under pre-tax accounts like FSAs.

How it Works: <u>Use the Debit Card</u>: Once retailers have updated their payment systems and inventories consumers can simply use their card to pay for these newly eligible items, but they should still remember to save their receipts in case the purchase needs to be verified later. <u>Submit a Claim</u>: Consumers can submit claims for reimbursement through their online account or using the mobile app.



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Exp **1/1/2024**

Welcome to Dependent Care

I enrolled for Dependent Care... Now what?

Now that you are enrolled, you have two options for reimbursement. If you would like to set up "auto reimbursement" you will have to complete a new Dependent Care Claim
Certification Form
each plan year, and return it to us. We will process your claim when the plan year starts, and you will receive an email, confirming your claim has been processed.

If you prefer to be reimbursed periodically, just complete the Dependent Care Claim Certification Form, and return it to us, along with any receipts showing payments made within 90 days after the plan year ends. We will process your claim once we receive it, and you will receive an email, confirming your claim has been processed.

You might be wondering... "How do I get reimbursed for my claim?"

Once we have your completed claim form, we will reimburse you in one of two ways. If we have your direct deposit information on file, you will receive that reimbursement directly to your account. Otherwise, you will receive a check in the mail. If you are interested in setting up direct deposit for reimbursement, please download the "Direct Deposit Sign Up Form", and return it to us, or log into your account (see below). Direct deposit payments are typically in your account by the end of the following week; however, the bank has 3 business days to post it to your account.

When can I expect my reimbursement?

After your employer deducts the funds from your payroll check, they send us the money. Once we post the funds to your account, they become available to you.

Is there a way I can view the transactions or balances on my account?

For your convenience, you have the ability to log at any time, to check your balance, see your account activity, add or change Direct Deposit information, and other helpful tools, by logging on to the Consumer Portal through our website, www.cpa125.com.

Additionally, we also offer a mobile app, where you can check our account activity. Download "CPA FLEX MOBILE" from your Apple App Store or Google Play Store.

Dependent Care Rules & Regulations

 Max Allowance per Household: \$5000

- Reimburses you for:
 - o Day Care Programs
 - o After School Programs
 - Summer Day Camps
 - o Adult Day Care

Did you know?

If your Dependent Care needs change, due to a qualifying event, you have 30 days to make changes to your election. Contact us for more details.



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