

# HEALTH CARE FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNT

Examples of Eligible and Ineligible Expenses under a Health Care Flexible Spending Account\*

\*The following lists give you a general overview of qualified and non-qualified medical expenses. These lists are not all-inclusive and are subject to change by the IRS. The IRS defines qualified medical expenses as amounts paid for the "diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment, or prevention of disease, or for the purpose of affecting any structure or function of the body." Qualified medical expenses are eligible for reimbursement through your FSA as long as they are not reimbursed through insurance or any other source.

## **Dental Services/Vision** Services

- **Artificial Teeth**
- **Contact Lenses**
- Crowns/Bridges
- **Dental Implants**
- Dental Sealants
- Dental X-rays
- Dentures
- Exams/Teeth Cleaning
- Extractions
- Eye Exam
- Fillings
- Glasses
- Occlusal Guards
- Oral Surgery Orthodontia\*\*\*
- Prescription Sunglasses
- Reading Glasses

#### **Insurance Related Items**

- Copay Amounts
- **Deductibles**
- Pre-existing Condition Expenses (medical)
- Private Hospital Room Differential

### Lab Exams/Tests

- **Blood Tests**
- Body Scan
- Cardiograph
- Colonoscopy
- CT Scan
- Diagnostic
- Echocardiogram
- **EKG**
- Endoscopy
- Fluoroscopy
- Laboratory Fees
- Metabolism Tests
- MRI
- PET Scan
- **Sweat Tests**
- Ultrasound
- Urine/Stool Analyses
- X-rays

#### Medications

Prescription Drugs

### **Obstetric Services**

- Childbirth Classes (Lamaze)
- Lactation Consultant
- Midwife Expenses
- OB/GYN Exams

- **OB/GYN Prepaid Maternity Fees** (reimbursable after date of birth)
- Pre-natal Medical Ultrasound
- Poe-natal and Post-Natal Treatment

## **Other Medical Treatments or Procedures**

- Abortion (legal)
- Acupuncture
- Alcoholism (inpatient treatment)
- Ambulance Services
- Anesthesiology
- Breast Reconstruction Surgery
- Cancer Screening
- Clinical Trials
- Counseling
- Dialysis
- **Drug Addiction Treatment**
- Gastric Bypass Surgery
- Genetic Testina
- Hearing Exams
- Hospital Services
- Infertility
- In-vitro Fertilization
- Lasik/Laser and Vision Correction
- Norplant Insertion or Removal
- Patterning Exercises
- Physical Examination (if not employment related)
- Physical /Occupational Therapy
- Rolfing
- Smoking Cessation Programs
- Speech Therapy
- Sterilization
- Temporary Cord Blood Storage (when used)
- Temporary Egg and Sperm Storage (IVF)
- Transplants (including organ donor)
- Treatment for Handicapped
- **Tubal Ligation**
- Vaccinations/Immunizations
- Vasectomy
- Well Baby Care

#### **Practitioners**

- Cardiologist
- Chiropractor
- Dermatologist
- Genetic Counselor
- Homeopath
- Nephrologist
- Nurse Practitioner
- Oncologist

- Ophthalmologist/Optometrist
- Osteopath
- Physician (licensed medical professional)
- Physician Assistant
- Psychiatrist / Psychologist

# **Over the Counter Drugs**

- Acid Controllers
- Acne Medications
- Allery & Sinus Medications
- Antacids
- Analgesics
- Anti-Diarrheal Medication
- Anti-Gas Products
- Anti-Itch & Insect Bite Creams
- **Antihistamines**
- **Antibiotic Ointments**
- Aspirin
- Baby Rash Ointments & Creams
- Birth Control & Contraceptive Pills
- ✓ Cold Sore Remedies
- Cough, Cold & Flu Medicines
- Decongestants
- Digestive Aids
- Eczema Treatments
- Expectorants
- Feminine Anti-Fungal Treatments
- Fever Reducing medications
- First Aid Creams
- Glucosamine & Chondroitin
- Headache medications Hemorrhoidal Preparations
- Laxatives
- Lip Products, medicated
- Menstrual Pain Relievers
- Motion Sickness Medications
- Pain Relievers
- **Respiratory Treatments**
- Sleep Aids and Sedatives
- Stomach Remedies
- Throat Lozenges **Toothache Relievers**
- Visine and other Eye Drops
- Wart Removal Yeast Infection Medications

# Other Medical Equipment,

# **Supplies and Services**

- Abdominal/Back Supports
- Artificial Limbs
- Automated External Defibrillator
- Blood Pressure Monitoring devices Blood Sugar Test Kits and supplies
- Braille Books and Magazines
- Breast Pumps and Lactation supplies Carpal Tunnel Wrist supports

- Allergist
- Endocrinologist Gastroenterologist
- Naturopath
- \*Updated 1/11/2023. For the most up-to-date information, please visit: https://www.irs.gov/publications/p969 for rules regarding Flexible Spending Arrangements and https://www.irs.gov/pub/irs-pdf/p502.pdf for Qualifying Medical Expenses

## Other Medical Equipment, Supplies and Services (cont'd)

- ✓ Compression Hose/Stockings
- ✓ Contact Lens Material and Equipment
- ✓ Cold/hot packs for injuries
- ✓ Condoms
- ✓ CPAP Devices
- Crutches
- ✓ Denture Adhesives
- ✓ Diabetic Supplies
- ✓ Durable Medical Equipment
- ✓ Ear Plugs
- ✓ Ear Wax Removal Treatments
- ✓ Elastic Bandages
- ✓ Erectile Dysfunction Treatment
- ✓ Feminine Hygiene Products
- ✓ First aid kits
- ✓ Flu Shots
- ✓ Glucose monitoring Equipment
- ✓ Guide Dog (for visually/hearing impaired person), Care and
  - Training

- ✓ Hearing Aids and Batteries
- ✓ Heart Rate Monitor
- ✓ Heating Pads
- ✓ Hospital Bed
- ✓ Incontinence supplies
- ✓ Insulin
- ✓ Learning Disability (special school/teacher)
- ✓ Lodging for Medical Care (limited)
- ✓ Mastectomy related bra
- ✓ Medic Alert Bracelet or Necklace
- ✓ Medical Records Charges
- ✓ Menstrual Products
- ✓ Motion Sickness Wristbands
- √ Nasal strips or sprays
- ✓ Neti Po
- Nicotine gum, lozenges or patches for smoking cessation purposes
- ✓ Ostomy, Colostomy Supplies
- ✓ Ovulation Monitor
- ✓ Oxygen Equipment
- Pedialyte/Rehydration solutions

- Pregnancy test kits
- ✓ Prosthesis
- ✓ Rubbing alcohol
- ✓ Sanitary Napkins/Pad/Liners
- Splints/Casts
- ✓ Sunscreen (SPF 15 or higher)
- ✓ Support Braces
- ✓ Syringes
- ✓ Tampons
- Thermometers
- Transportation Expenses (essential to medical care)
- Tuition Fee at Special School for Disabled Child
- ✓ Walkers
  - Wheelchair

# Other items that may be covered when accompanied by a medical practitioner's note or prescription. Items must be used to treat a specific medical condition of limited duration:

- ✓ Capital Expenses
- Cosmetic Surgery-covered only when treating a congenital abnormality, a personal injury resulting from an accident or trauma or disfiguring disease
- ✓ Dietary or herbal medicines to treat a specific medical condition
- Equipment, supplies and materials related to physical/mental handicaps.
- ✓ Fiber supplements to treat a specific medical condition
- ✓ Gym or Health club monthly fee

- Hand Sanitizer
- Hormone Replacement Therapy
- / Humidifier
- ✓ Massage Therapy
- Medicated shampoos and soaps, unless prescribed by a medical practitioner for a specific scalp/skin infection
- ✓ Nutritionist
- Orthopedic shoes, Arch Supports and inserts (for orthopedic shoes, you can only be reimbursed for the extra cost over buying non-orthopedic shoes)
- Personal Trainer
- ✓ Pills for persons who are lactose intolerant
- ✓ Prenatal vitamins
- ✓ Probiotics
- Supplements treating a medical condition
- √ Toothpaste (prescription only)
- ✓ Varicose Vein Treatment
- √ WaterPik/Electric Flosser
- ✓ Weight loss drugs to treat a specific disease
- ✓ Weight loss program fees
- ✓ Wigs (hair loss due to disease)

**Claims substantiation:** The participant must submit adequate claim substantiation. The receipt must state the name of the medicine or drug, the purchase date and the amount paid. The participant must sign the reimbursement form indicating that the claim was for the individual, their spouse, or eligible dependent. Where a physician's note is required, it must state the precise medical condition.

## Items that are NOT eligible for reimbursement under a Health Care Flexible Spending Account:

- ✓ Baby Formula
- ✓ Breast implants (cosmetic)
- ✓ Burial Expenses
- ✓ COBRA Premiums
- ✓ Concierge, Boutique or Practice Fees
- ✓ Cosmetic Surgery
- ✓ Cosmetics
- ✓ CPR Classes
- ✓ Dehumidifier
- ✓ Dental Whitening or Bleaching
- ✓ Diet Foods
- ✓ Dietary supplements
- ✓ Discount Plan Expenses
- ✓ Ear Piercing

- Exercise Equipment for General Health
- Facial Creams and Cleansers
- ✓ Finance Charges
- ✓ Home Drug Testing Kits
- ✓ Hot Tubs/Jacuzzis✓ Household Help
- Illegal operations, treatments and medications, including medications
- obtained illegally
  ✓ Items paid or payable by insurance
- ✓ Insurance Premiums
- ✓ Late Fees
- ✓ Marriage/Relationship Counseling
- ✓ Maternity Clothes
- ✓ Mattresses

- ✓ Nursing Home
- √ Personal hygiene products
- ✓ Prepayments for Services
- ✓ Propecia and Rogaine for cosmetic hair growth
- ✓ Premiums for group health coverage
- ✓ Special foods
- ✓ Sports Drinks
- ✓ Suntan lotion✓ Tanning Salon
- ✓ Toiletries
- ✓ Toothpaste
- ✓ Toothbrushes (electric or otherwise)
- ✓ Ultrasound, Voluntary Pre-Natal
- ✓ Veneers

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- ✓ Educational Classes
- ✓ Electrolysis and other Hair Removal
- ✓ Electronic Cigarettes
- ✓ Medical Marijuana
- ✓ Missed Appointment Fees
- Moisturizers
- ✓ Newborn Care Classes
- ✓ Nursing Pillows

- ✓ Vision Discount Program Cost
- Warranties for glasses or other medical devices

# Whose Medical Expenses can I Reimburse?

You can generally include medical expenses you pay for yourself as well as those you pay for someone who was your spouse, qualifying child or qualifying relative when the product or services were acquired. **Domestic partners do not qualify for reimbursement unless they are a qualifying relative.** 

- A qualifying child is an individual who (a) bears a specified relationship to the employee (relationship test); (b) has
  the same principal abode as the employee for more than half of the year (residency test); (c) meets certain age
  requirements (age test); (d) has not provided more than half of his or her own support for the year (limited selfsupport test); and (5) has not filed a joint tax return (other than only for claim of refund) with his or her spouse for
  the year (marital/tax filing status test).
- A qualifying relative is an individual (a) who bears a specified relationship to the employee (relationship test); (b) whose gross income is less than the exemption amount in Code §151(d) (income test); (c) with respect to whom the employee provides over half of the individual's support (support test); and (d) who is not anyone's qualifying child.
- Individuals Who Generally Are Ineligible Under Code §152. An individual generally will not be a Code §152 dependent if he or she is a dependent of a Code §152 dependent, a married dependent filing a joint tax return, or a citizen or national of a country other than the United States.

## **Orthodontia Special Note:**

As orthodontia treatment typically spans over a period of years, individuals are often charged an initial, up-front payment and then must make periodic payments over the rest of the treatment period. FSA reimbursement is based on <u>service</u> <u>date(s)</u>, therefore **the expense must be claimed within the active treatment period**. The contract <u>Start Date</u> and estimated <u>Length of Treatment</u> are required to determine the amount eligible for reimbursement within the FSA plan year.

If orthodontic contract does not indicate insurance information, we will require you to submit the <u>lifetime maximum</u> for orthodontia from insurance carrier.

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