

Know Your Health Care FSA Eligible and Ineligible Expenses



Maximize the Value of Your Reimbursement Account - Your Health Care Flexible Spending Account (FSA) dollars can be used for a variety of out-of-pocket health care expenses. The following is based on a list of eligible and ineligible expenses used by federal employees.

Eligible Expenses

BABY/CHILD TO AGE 13

- Lactation Consultant*
- Lead-Based Paint Removal
- Special Formula*
- Tuition: Special School/Teacher for Disability or Learning Disability*
- Well Baby /Well Child Care

DENTAL

- Dental X-Rays
- Dentures and Bridges
- Exams and Teeth Cleaning
- Extractions and Fillings
- Oral Surgery
- Orthodontia
- Periodontal Services

EYES

- Eye Exams
- Eyeglasses and Contact Lenses
- Laser Eye Surgeries
- Prescription Sunglasses
- Radial Keratotomy

HEARING

- Hearing Aids and Batteries
- Hearing Exams

LAB EXAMS/TESTS

- Blood Tests and Metabolism Tests
- Body Scans
- Cardiograms
- Laboratory Fees
- X-Rays

MEDICAL EQUIPMENT/SUPPLIES

- Air Purification Equipment*
- Arches and Orthotic Inserts
- Contraceptive Devices
- Crutches, Walkers, Wheel Chairs
- Exercise Equipment*
- Hospital Beds*
- Mattresses*
- Medic Alert Bracelet or Necklace
- Nebulizers
- Orthopedic Shoes*
- Oxygen*
- Post-Mastectomy Clothing
- Prosthetics
- Syringes
- Wigs*

MEDICAL PROCEDURES/SERVICES

- Acupuncture
- Alcohol and Drug/Substance Abuse (inpatient treatment and outpatient care)
- Ambulance
- Fertility Enhancement and Treatment
- Hair Loss Treatment*
- Hospital Services
- Immunization
- In Vitro Fertilization
- Physical Examination (not employment-related)
- Reconstructive Surgery (due to a congenital defect, accident, or medical treatment)
- Service Animals
- Sterilization/Sterilization Reversal
- Transplants (including organ donor)
- Transportation*

MEDICATIONS

- Insulin
- Prescription Drugs

OBSTETRICS

- Breast Pumps and Lactation Supplies
- Doulas*
- Lamaze Class
- OB/GYN Exams
- OB/GYN Prepaid Maternity Fees (reimbursable after date of birth)
- Pre- and Postnatal Treatments

PRACTITIONERS

- Allergist
- Chiropractor
- Christian Science Practitioner
- Dermatologist
- Homeopath
- Naturopath*
- Optometrist
- Osteopath
- Physician
- Psychiatrist or Psychologist

THERAPY

- Alcohol and Drug Addiction
- Counseling (not marital or career)
- Exercise Programs*
- Hypnosis
- Massage*
- Occupational
- Physical
- Smoking Cessation Programs*
- Speech
- Weight Loss Programs*

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- Insurance Premiums
- Long Term Care Premiums

Note: This list is not meant to be all-inclusive, as other expenses not specifically mentioned may also qualify. Also, expenses marked with an asterisk (*) are "potentially eligible expenses" that require a Note of Medical Necessity from your health care provider to qualify for reimbursement. For additional information, check your Summary Plan Document or contact your Plan Administrator.

by a physician for a specific ailment.

Ineligible Expenses

- Contact Lens or Eyeglass Insurance
- Cosmetic Surgery/Procedures
- Electrolysis
- Insurance Premiums and Interest (FSA Ineligible Only)
- Long Term Care Premiums (FSA Ineligible Only)
- Marriage or Career Counseling
- Personal Trainers
- Sunscreen (spf less than 30)
- Swimming Lessons

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Please Note: The IRS does not allow Over-the-Counter (OTC) medicines or drugs to be purchased with Health Care FSA funds unless accompanied by a prescription and the prescription is filled by a pharmacist. If you have an OTC prescription, you can use your benefits card for these purchases.

Ineligible Over-the-Counter Medicines and Drugs (unless prescribed in accordance with state laws)

- Acid controllers
- Acne medications
- Allergy & sinus
- Antibiotic products
- Antifungal (Foot)
- Antiparasitic treatments
- Antiseptics & wound cleansers
- Anti-diarrheals
- Anti-gas
- Anti-itch & insect bite
- Baby rash ointments & creams
- Baby teething pain
- Cold sore remedies
- Contraceptives
- Cough, cold & flu
- Denture pain relief
- Digestive aids
- Ear care
- Eye care
- Feminine antifungal & anti-itch
- Fiber laxatives (bulk forming)
- First aid burn remedies
- Foot care treatment
- Hemorrhoidal preps
- Homeopathic remedies
- Incontinence protection & treatment products
- Laxatives (non-fiber)
- Medicated nasal sprays, drops, & inhalers
- Medicated respiratory treatments & vapor products
- Motion sickness
- Oral remedies or treatments
- Pain relief (includes aspirin)
- Skin treatments
- Sleep aids & sedatives
- Smoking deterrents
- Stomach remedies
- Unmedicated nasal sprays, drops & inhalers
- Unmedicated vapor products

OTC items that are not medicines or drugs remain eligible for purchase with FSAs You can use your benefits card for these items.

Eligible Over-the-Counter Items (Product categories are listed in bold face; common examples are listed in regular face.)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baby Electrolytes and Dehydration
Pedialyte, Enfalyte ■ Contraceptives
Unmedicated condoms ■ Denture Adhesives, Repair, and Cleansers
PoliGrip, Benzodent, Plate Weld, Efferdent ■ Diabetes Testing and Aids
Ascencia, One Touch, Diabetic Tussin, insulin syringes; glucose products ■ Diagnostic Products
Thermometers, blood pressure monitors, cholesterol testing ■ Ear Care
Unmedicated ear drops, syringes, ear wax removal | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Elastics/Athletic Treatments
ACE, Futuro, elastic bandages, braces, hot/cold therapy, orthopedic supports, rib belts ■ Eye Care
Contact lens care ■ Family Planning
Pregnancy and ovulation kits ■ First Aid Dressings and Supplies
Band Aid, 3M Nexcare, non-sport tapes ■ Foot Care Treatment
Unmedicated corn and callus treatments (e.g., callus cushions), devices, therapeutic insoles ■ Glucosamine &/or Chondroitin
Osteo-Bi-Flex, Cosamin D, Flex-a-min Nutritional Supplements | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Hearing Aid/Medical Batteries ■ Home Health Care (limited segments)
Ostomy, walking aids, decubitis/pressure relief, enteral/parenteral feeding supplies, patient lifting aids, orthopedic braces/supports, splints & casts, hydrocollators, nebulizers, electrotherapy products, catheters, unmedicated wound care, wheel chairs ■ Incontinence Products
Attends, Depend, GoodNites for juvenile incontinence, Prevail ■ Prenatal Vitamins
Stuart Prenatal, Nature's Bounty Prenatal Vitamins ■ Reading Glasses and Maintenance Accessories |
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