



FSA Eligible vs Ineligible Items

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*

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. This list may change from time to time as the IRS guidelines change.

The IRS does NOT allow the following expenses to be reimbursed under Health Care FSAs, as they are not prescribed by a physician for a specific ailment.

Ineligible Expenses

- Contact Lens or Eyeglass Insurance
- Cosmetic Surgery/Procedures
- Electrolysis
- Insurance Premiums and Interest
- Long Term Care Premiums
- 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)

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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 |
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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, decubitus/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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