How to use your flexible spending account

Here are examples of medical services, treatments and over-the-counter (OTC) medications you can purchase using your flexible spending account (FSA).*

Medical services and treatments

- Acupuncture
- Ambulance
- Artificial limbs
- · Artificial teeth
- · Blood sugar test kits for diabetics
- Breast pumps and lactation supplies
- Chiropractor
- Dental treatments including X-rays, cleanings, fillings, braces and tooth removals
- Diabetes test strips
- Doctor's office visits and procedures
- Drug addiction treatment
- · Eyeglasses and vision exams
- · Fertility treatment

- · Hearing aids and batteries
- Hospital services
- Insulin
- Laboratory fees
- · Laser eye surgery
- · Physical therapy
- · Psychiatric care
- · Speech therapy
- Stop-smoking programs (including nicotine gum or patches, if prescribed)
- Surgery, excluding cosmetic surgery
- Vasectomy
- Weight-loss program, if it's a treatment for a specific disease diagnosed by a physician

What is an FSA?

An FSA is a benefit plan that allows you to set aside money from your paycheck—before taxes—into a special account to help pay for certain medical costs, child care or other eligible health services.

OTC medications

- Acne medicine
- · Aids for indigestion
- Allergy and sinus medicine
- · Antidiarrheal medicine
- · Baby rash ointment
- · Cold and flu medicine
- Eye drops
- Feminine antifungal or anti-itch products

- · Hemorrhoid treatment
- · Laxatives or stool softeners
- Lice treatments
- Motion sickness medicines
- · Nasal sprays or drops
- · Ointments for cuts, burns or rashes
- · Pain relievers
- · Sleep aids



^{*}May vary based on your particular health plan. See your plan documents for details continued

OTC supplies that may be eligible for FSA reimbursement

- Bandages, adhesive or elastic
- · Braces and supports
- Catheters
- Condoms
- · Contact lens solution and supplies
- Crutches
- First-aid supplies

- Menstrual products
- Ostomy products
- Pregnancy tests
- · Reading glasses
- Sunscreen SPF15 or higher
- · Walkers, wheelchairs and canes

What is an eligible expense?

An eligible expense is a medical, dental or vision expense that can be paid for or reimbursed by your health plan.

Common services and expenses not eligible for FSA reimbursement

- Aromatherapy
- · Baby bottles
- Baby wipes
- Cotton swabs
- Dental floss
- Deodorants
- Hair regrowth

- Moisturizer with SPF protection
- Mouthwash
- Petroleum jelly
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Skin care
- Spa salts
- Sun-tanning products

Learn more

For a complete list of eligible expenses, see your benefit plan documents or visit irs.gov

