## SAVE ON ITEMS NOT COVERED BY HEALTH INSURANCE

Flexible Spending Accounts (FSAs) are a benefit that allow you to pay for certain items TAX-FREE. The two main types are for Healthcare and Dependent Care. You decide on an amount that is set aside each pay period for these expenses. Do not put more in the FSA than you can reasonably use because funds do not rollover and are lost if not spent. The full amount of annual Healthcare FSAs are available at the beginning of the plan year. Dependent care is available only as funds from your paycheck are deposited. With a little planning, you can save more on things you normally purchase! Healthcare FSAs are a simple way to save \$25 to \$40 for every \$100 you spend.

#### QUALIFIED HEALTHCARE ACCOUNT EXPENSES

if purchased during the plan year Acupuncture Alcoholism treatment Ambulance Artificial limbs/teeth Braces Chiropractors Christian Science practitioner's fees Contact lenses & solutions Copayments Costs for physical or mental illness Crutches Deductibles Dental services Dentures Diabetic test strips Diagnostic tests & labs Dietary supplements prescribed by a doctor Drug & Medical supplies (syringes, needles, etc.) Eyeglasses\* Eye examinations Eye surgery (cataracts, LASIK, etc.) Hearing devices & batteries Hospital bills Insulin Laboratory tests Laser eye surgery Medical supplies Obstetrical expenses Orthodontia (braces) Orthopedic devices Over-the-counter drugs (see below) Oxygen Physician fees & copayments Prescription Drug Medications Psychiatric care Psychological services & care Rental of Medical Equipment Routine physicals & tests Smoking cessation drugs\* Smoking cessation programs Sunglasses\* Surgical services & fees Weight loss programs or OTC drugs (if associated with a specific disease)\* Wheelchair Vitamins\* X-rays Only healthcare expenses not reimbursed by insúrance can be claimed. \*if prescribed by a doctor or may require a doctor's letter of medical necessity

# INELIGIBLE EXPENSES UNDER THE HEALTHCARE ACCOUNT

Cosmetic surgery & procedures Dental bleaching Marriage or family counseling Premiums you or your spouse pay for insurance Weight loss for general health or appearance

### CHANGES FOR OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICATIONS

As a result of Health Reform legislation, **over-the-counter medications are only eligible with a doctor's prescription**.

Since a prescription is required for these expenses, the FSA Card cannot be used to buy them. However, they are still eligible if you pay up front and request reimbursement. See below for more information.

Listed below are some of the items that will require a doctor's prescription to be eligible for reimbursement from the Healthcare FSA:

- Asthma medications
- Cold, flu & allergy medications
- Cold relief syrup or tablets
- Cough drops or syrup
- Flu relief tablets or liquid
- Sinus medications
- Arthritis pain reliever
- Pain relievers, aspirin & non-aspirin

- Throat pain medications
- Acid reducers
- Antacid gum, liquid or tablets
- Anti-diarrhea medications
- Laxatives
- Pinworm treatment
- Upset stomach medications

### FILING CLAIMS FOR OVER-THE-COUNTER MEDICATIONS

An FSA Claim Form, receipt and doctor's prescription is required for over-the-counter medicines reimbursed under the Healthcare FSA.

If a physician has prescribed an over-the-counter medicine for ongoing treatment (such as daily aspirin or a daily antihistamine), submitting a copy of the prescription with each claim will result in the fastest reimbursement.

If you provided a copy of the prescription already and do not wish to include it in future submissions, you may note this on the claim form. This additional step for CDB may slow the reimbursement as we will need to verify the original claim submission in order to process additional claims.





