Medical FSA

Why should I choose a medical flexible spending account?

A medical FSA is a benefit that allows you to choose how much of your paycheck you'd like to set aside, before taxes are taken out, for healthcare expenses. This saves you money by reducing your taxable income.



Funds on Day 1

Schedule that surgery, buy those eyeglasses or finally get those braces. All of your FSA funds are available to spend right away. Use your benefits debit card at the point of purchase.



Discount

Think of it like a discount on healthcare expenses at stores such as Amazon, Target, CVS, Walmart, Walgreens and more. Dollars you contribute are taken out of your paycheck before tax which means a \$100 purchase would actually cost you over \$130 without a medical FSA.



Plan ahead

Think about the money you spent on healthcare expenses last year. Plan ahead and set those funds aside in a medical FSA and save 30%.

Based on a 30% tax bracket.

What does it cover?

There are thousands of eligible items, including:

- Copays and coinsurance
- Doctor visits and surgeries
- Over-the-counter medications (first aid, allergy, asthma, cold/flu, heartburn, etc.)
- Prescription drugs

- Birthing and lamaze classes
- Dental and orthodontia
- Frames, contacts, prescription sunglasses, etc.



Yes, as long as you or your spouse aren't actively enrolled and contributing to a health savings account (HSA).



Fast fact

Don't know how much to elect? Determine how much you spent on healthcare expenses last year and estimate the amount you'll spend this year. Any funds you contribute to the medical FSA must be spent by the end of the plan year.



Flexible Spending Account

Contribution Limits & IRS Regulations

The IRS sets the maximum dollar amount you can elect and contribute to a medical FSA. The annual contribution limit is \$3,300. We recommend reviewing how much you spend on eligible healthcare expenses every year to determine how much to elect.



Funds on day 1

All of your FSA dollars are available on the very first day of the plan year. For example, if you choose to contribute \$1,200 to your FSA, your contributions will be deducted evenly across all of your paychecks for the year, but you have access to all \$1,200 on day 1! You can use your funds for expenses incurred by you, your spouse or eligible dependents.



Use-or-lose

Don't forget to spend your FSA dollars. You will forfeit any money left in your account at the end of the plan year. (Check with your employer to confirm how many days you have to submit claims for reimbursement after the plan year ends.)

Changing your FSA election

In order to make changes to your election after open enrollment, you need to experience a qualifying life event.

These events include:

- Change in marital status
- Change in the number of dependents
- Increase due to birth, adoption or marriage
- Decrease due to death, divorce or loss of eligibility
- Gain or loss of eligibility due to a change in participant, spouse or dependent employment status

If you experience a qualifying life event, contact your employer to make changes to your election.



Our benefits debit card is the fastest and most convenient way to access your funds and pay for eligible expenses. Just one debit card is all you need for your card-eligible benefits with us.

While the IRS requires documentation for certain spending and reimbursement benefits, we automate some of that substantiation through:



IIAS approval: If a merchant uses the Inventory Information Approval System (IIAS), the debit card will automatically approve eligible expenses. You can view a list of IIAS merchants at www.sig-is.org/card-holders/store-locator.



Copayments: If your employer provides us copayment amounts for your insurance plans, we can auto-approve expenses that match these copayment amounts.



Recurring claims: If you use your debit card for a purchase that requires substantiation, once the claim has been approved and you make that same purchase for the same dollar amount at that merchant, the recurring claim will be automatically approved.



How do I get a card?

We'll automatically mail you two debit cards to the address listed in your account the first time you enroll. If you're already enrolled, continue using the debit card you have.



Additional cards

You can request additional debit cards for your spouse or dependents from your online account. Log in, under Accounts select Banking/Cards.



Expiring debit card

We will automatically mail you a new debit card 30 or more days prior.



Lost or stolen cards

If your debit card is lost or stolen, you can report it in your online account or mobile app and request a new card.

