Flexible Spending Account

Why should I choose a flexible spending account (FSA)?

A flexible spending account (FSA) lets you save money by setting aside pre-tax dollars to pay for eligible medical, dental, vision and dependent care expenses incurred by you, your spouse or your eligible dependents.



Take home more money

Putting money into an FSA decreases your taxable income, which means you'll take home more money.



Plan better for health expenses

Spend your funds on the eligible health expenses you incur throughout the year. The IRS has a "use it or lose it" rule for FSAs, which means funds must be spent by the end of the plan year unless your employer offers a grace period or carryover.



Flexibility

You can use your funds for eligible expenses occurred by you, your spouse, or your eligible dependents. Thousands of products and services are FSA eligible. (Eligible expenses are determined by the IRS.)



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.



Can I enroll?

Yes, as long as you or your spouse aren't actively enrolled and contributing to a Health Savings Account (HSA).

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.

Contribution limits + IRS regulations

The IRS sets the maximum dollar amount you can elect to contribute to a medical FSA. The annual contribution limit for 2024 is \$3,200.

Tip: Review how much you spend on eligible healthcare expenses every year to determine how much to elect.

Changing your 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 or 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.

