Use Your Health Care Dollars Wisely

Know your eligible Eineligible expenses



If you are participating in a health savings account (HSA) or flexible spending account (FSA), you can use pre-tax dollars to cover eligible expenses. IRS Code 213(d) defines eligible health care expenses as amounts paid for the diagnosis, cure, mitigation or treatment of a disease, and for treatments affecting any part or function of the body. The expenses must be primarily to alleviate a physical or mental defect or illness.

To help better understand what is and isn't eligible, we've developed a list of both based on an interpretation of the IRS Code 213(d) definition. This list is not meant to be all-inclusive. Other expenses not specifically mentioned may also qualify.

For a more detailed list of eligible and ineligible expenses, check your UMR plan document.

Health care FSA contribution amounts will be limited beginning in 2013 due to Health Care Reform Law. Please refer to your plan document for the specific contribution limits allowed by your plan.

Eligible Expenses

Expenses that could be considered dual purpose (having both medical and personal benefits) may need a medical practitioner's note explaining the diagnosis and treatment action that is needed for this specific medical condition. This list is not meant to be all inclusive.

Dental Services	Medical Treatments/Procedures		Tuition Fee at Special School
Dental Services	Acupuncture	and Services	for Disabled Child
Dental X-Rays	Alcoholism (inpatient treatment)	Abdominal/Back Supports	Weight Loss Drugs (to treat specific disease) Wheelchair
Dentures		Ambulance Services	
Exams/Teeth Cleaning	Drug Addiction	Arches/Orthopedic Shoes	
Extractions	Hearing Exams	Contraceptive, prescribed	Wigs (hair loss due to disease)
Fillings	Hospital Services	Counseling	Medication
Gum Treatment	Infertility	Crutches	Insulin
Oral Surgery	In Vitro Fertilization	Guide Dog (for visually/hearing impaired)	Prescribed Birth Control & Vitamins
Orthodontia/Braces	Norplant Insertion or Removal		Prescription Drugs
Lab Exams/Tests	Physical Exam	Hearing Devices and Batteries	Obstetric Services
Blood Tests	(not employment related)	Hospital Bed	Lamaze Class
X-Rays	Physical Therapy	Lead Paint Removal (if not capital expense and incurred for a child poisoned)	Midwife Expenses
Cardiographs	Reconstructive Surgery (if medically necessary due to congenital defect or accident)		OB/GYN Exams
Laboratory Fees		Learning Disability - (special school/teacher)	OB/GYN Prepaid Maternity Fees (reimbursable after date of birth)
Metabolism Tests			
Spinal Fluid Tests	Rolfing	Medic Alert Bracelet or Necklace	Prenatal and Postnatal Treatments
Urine/Stool Analyses	Speech Therapy		Practitioners
Vision Services	Sterilization	Oxygen Equipment	Allergist
Eye Examinations	Transplants	Prescribed Medical and Exercise Equipment	Chiropractor
Eyeglasses	(including organ donor)	Prosthesis	Christian Science
Contact Lenses	Vaccinations/Immunizations	Splints/Casts or Support Hose	Dermatologist
Laser Eye Surgeries	Vasectomy and Vasectomy	(if medically necessary)	Homeopath
Artificial Eyes	Reversal	Syringes	Naturopath
Prescription Sunglasses	Weight Loss Programs (as prescribed by your doctor)	Transportation Expenses	Osteopath
Radial Keratotomy/LASIK	Well Baby Care	(mileage and parking)	Physician
, , ,	Well baby care		Psychiatrist

Ineligible Expenses

Expenses to promote general health are not eligible expenses unless prescribed by a physician for a specific medical ailment. This list is not meant to be all-inclusive.

The IRS does not allow the following expenses to be reimbursed under HSAs and FSAs, depending on the exclusions in your FSA plan.

Babysitting and Child Care	Diaper Service	Health Club Dues	Vitamins or Nutritional
Contact Lens or Eyeglass	Electrolysis	Insurance Premiums and	Supplements
Insurance	Personal Trainers or	Interest	Swimming Lessons
Cosmetic Surgery/ Procedures	Exercise Equipment	Long-Term Care Premiums	Teeth Whitening/ Bleaching
	Hair Loss Medication	Marriage Counseling	
Dancing/Exercise/Fitness Programs	Hair Transplant	Maternity Clothes	Personal Care Items

Over-the-Counter Items

As of Jan. 1, 2011, over-the-counter medicines/drugs are not allowed without a prescription.

Eligible

Medicines/drugs with a prescription

Over-the-counter supplies (including contact solution, Band-Aids, crutches, etc.)

Ineligible

OTC items purchased for personal use

Medicines/drugs without a prescription



FSAs...putting more money in your pocket!





