

CARES Act of 2020 Update

Over-the-counter (OTC) medications are now reimbursable under FSAs without requiring a prescription or completing a Letter of Medical Necessity Form. This provision is retroactive to January 1, 2020. Menstrual care products are now reimbursable as eligible expenses, including tampons and pads.

Eligible Health FSA Expenses

- Acupuncture
- Alcoholism treatment
- Allergy medication, nasal sprays
- Ambulance
- Analgesics, fever reducers, pain reducers (aspirin, ibuprofen, acetaminophen)
- Antacids and heartburn relief
- Antibiotic ointments
- Anti-itch creams and hydrocortisone creams
- Arthritis pain relieving creams
- Athlete's foot treatment, anti-fungal creams
- Artificial teeth/dentures
- Bandages
- Birth control
- Blood pressure monitors
- Braces
- Braille-books and magazines
- Breast pumps and lactation supplies
- Cancer screening
- Chiropractors
- Chondroitin
- Co-insurance amount you pay
- Cold/hot packs
- Cold medicines, tablets, syrups, cough drops & lozenges
- Co-pay amount you pay
- Compression hose (30-40 mmHg or higher)
- Condoms
- Contact lenses and eyeglasses
- Contact lens solutions
- Cost of medically necessary operations and related treatments
- Crutches
- Deductible medical coverage (amounts you pay)
- Dental fees
- Diabetic supplies
- Diaper rash ointment
- Drug addiction treatment
- Doula
- Ear wax removal kits
- Eye exams, eye surgery
- Eye glasses (protection plans/warranties are NOT eligible expenses)
- Eczema treatments
- Feminine hygiene products
- Fertility treatments (in vitro fertilization, surgery)
- First-aid cream
- Glucosamine
- Hearing devices and batteries
- Hemorrhoid treatments
- Hospital services
- Incontinence products
- Infertility treatments
- Insulin
- Laboratory fees
- Lactose intolerance tablets
- Lamaze classes
- Latex gloves
- Laxatives
- Medical alert bracelets
- Medical information plan
- Menstrual pain relievers
- Mentally handicapped persons cost of special home care
- Motion sickness pills
- Nasal spray and strips
- Nicotine gum, patches
- Nurses fees (including nurses' board and social security tax paid by you)
- Obstetrical expenses
- Orthotics
- Over-the-counter medications
- Oxygen
- Petroleum jelly
- Prosthesis
- Pregnancy tests
- Prenatal vitamins
- Psychiatrists' and psychologists' fees
- Radial keratotomy and lasik eye surgery
- Routine physical & other non diagnostic services or treatments
- Sinus medication
- Smoking cessation programs
- Speech therapy
- Special education for the blind
- Special plumbing for handicapped
- Sterilization (i.e., tubal ligation, vasectomy) and reversal
- Stomach and digestive relief items
- Sunburn cream (Solarcaine)
- Surgical fees
- Telephone, special for hearing impaired
- Television audio display equipment for hearing impaired
- Therapeutic care for drug and alcohol addiction received as medical treatment
- Thermometers
- Toothache and teething pain relievers
- Transportation expenses for person to receive medical care
- Urinary pain relief medication
- Vaccines
- Walkers
- Wart removal, i.e., W Freeze Off (certain wart medicines may require a prescription)
- Wheelchair
- X-rays
- Yeast infection medication

Eligible Health FSA Expenses Only with a Letter of Medical Necessity Form

- Compression hose (20-30 mmHg)
- Dietary supplements
- Exercise programs or equipment
- Fiber supplements
- Humidifier
- Hypnosis
- Infertility treatments
- Lead-base paint removal
- Massage therapy, rolfing therapy
- Mineral supplements
- Occupational therapy
- Orthopedic shoes (*Reimbursement is permitted for the cost difference between orthopedic shoes and regular shoes.*)
- Scooter, electric
- Service animal (guide dogs are eligible without a LOMN)
- Tuition/meals/lodging for special needs schooling
- Varicose vein, treatment of
- Vitamins
- Water-Pik

SAMPLE ELIGIBLE EXPENSES FOR FSA REIMBURSEMENTS

Never Eligible

- COBRA premiums
 - Concierge service fees - *only medical services actually provided are eligible for reimbursement; membership fees for concierge services are not eligible for reimbursement*
 - Cosmetic products and cosmetic surgery (unless to remediate damage from an illness or injury)
 - Disposable diapers
 - Diet program foods
 - Electric toothbrush
 - Electrolysis
 - Fitness programs*
 - Hair transplants*
 - Hand sanitizer
 - Household help
 - Maternity clothes
 - Teeth whitening*
- *Unless prescribed by a doctor to treat an existing illness or injury.*

Eligible Dependent Care FSA Expenses

- Babysitters
- Daycare centers
- Nursery schools
- After-school programs
- Day camp
- Eldercare
- (Overnight camps are NOT eligible)



Expense eligibility is subject to change. If you are unsure if an expense is eligible for reimbursement, please call P&A Group at (866) 916-3475 or chat with a customer service rep through online chat at ncflex.padmin.com.