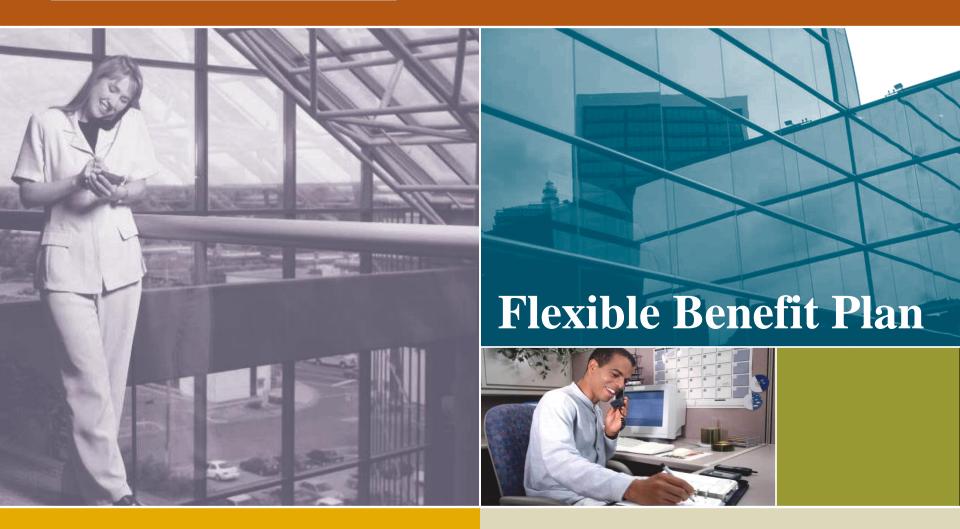


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## Introductions

Your Flexible Benefit Plan allows employees to make pre-tax salary contributions to "flexible spending accounts" (FSAs) to pay for eligible expenses with tax-free benefit dollars:

#### ❖ Dependent Care FSA

Work-related child care for dependents under age 13 or dependent disabled adults.

#### Medical / Dental / Vision Care FSA

Un-reimbursed (out-of-pocket) Medical, Dental, and Vision Care expenses for employees, spouse and dependents. (See worksheet for examples)

Each year, eligible employees <u>must</u> elect to enroll or waive participation in each FSA.



## **Information**

### A Flexible Benefit Plan...

Allows employees to reclassify taxable compensation into non-taxable benefits, through salary reduction. The result is that employees can pay certain expenses with tax-free benefit dollars.

### Flexible Spending Accounts (FSAs)

**Dependent Care** – the cost of child care or day care for dependent disabled adults.

<u>Medical/Dental/Vision</u> – out-of-pocket cost not reimbursed by insurance for such items as co-pays, deductibles, coinsurance, dental costs, vision exams, and glasses.



### A Flexible Benefit Plan...

# ...helps a paycheck buy more!

#### Reimbursable expenses can include:

- Deductibles and Copays
- Prescription Drugs
- Chiropractic Services

- Dental and Orthodontics
- Eyeglasses, Contacts, Solutions and Eye Surgery
- Adult and Child Daycare

#### Much More!

Now included: over-the-counter drugs that are medically necessary like allergy medications, aspirin, or antacids.



## The MBS Flex Debit Card

#### Instant access, virtually no paperwork

- Your FSA can now be accessed via the MBS Flex Benefits Card
- A benefits card lets you pay for eligible health care expenses virtually everywhere a debit MasterCard® is accepted. Dependent care expenses are not accessible through the MBS Flex Benefits Card

When you use the MBS Benefits Card to purchase over-the-counter items at an IIAS compatible pharmacy — it's even easier!

Because these merchants have a system in-place to identify IRS allowable purchases, you won't have to file a claim for purchases of eligible over-the-counter health care expenses.



## The MBS Flex Debit Card

The MBS Flex Benefits Card makes using FSA dollars simple and easy. The card deducts each payment directly from your FSA account. So it's as convenient as using an ordinary debit card.

What's more, the Benefits Card virtually eliminates the endless paperwork and reimbursement wait time that used to make FSAs so complex and cumbersome. All you have to do is save receipts for FSA purchases in the event that MBS requests them.



Cardholders will have secure 24-hour access to their account balance and other valuable information through <a href="https://www.mbstpa.com">www.mbstpa.com</a>



# Here's How It Works...

	Without Flex	With Flex
Gross Pay	\$278.00	\$278.00
Less Taxes	54.90	0
Less health premium	40.00	40.00
Less dependent care	80.00	80.00
New Gross	\$103.10	\$158.00
Less Taxes	<u>0</u>	40.58
Take Home	\$103.10	\$117.52

Tax Savings of \$14.42

Why not let the government help pay for medical expenses?





### **Eligible Expenses – Medical, Dental, Vision**

Alcoholism treatment

Ambulance hire

Artificial teeth

Birth Control Pills

**Braces** 

Braille - books & magazines

Chiropractors

Christian Science Practitioners' fees

Co-insurance amounts you pay

Copay amounts you pay

Contact lenses, eyeglasses, prescription

sunglasses and eye examination

Contact lens solution

Cosmetic surgery medically necessary and recommended by a Physician \*

Cost of operations and related treatments

Crutches

Deductible medical coverage amounts you pay

Dental fees

Drugs (by prescription) & medical supplies Fees for routine physical exams & other non-diagnostic services or treatments Fees for Practical Nurse

Fees for healing services

Handicapped persons' special schools

Hearing devices & batteries

Home improvements motivated by medical

considerations

Hospital bills

Insulin

Laboratory fees

Lead – base paint removal (children)

Nurses' fees (including Nurses' board & social security tax paid by you)

Obstetrical expenses

Orthopedic shoes

Oxygen

Physician-recommended swimming pool

or spa equipment costs \*

Psychiatrists & Psychologists fees

Radial keratotomy

Retarded person's cost of special home

Rolfing therapy

Seeing-eye dog, and maintenance

**Smoking Cessation** 

Special diets required by illness or allergy

Special education for the blind

Special plumbing for the

handicapped

Sterilization (i.e., tubal ligation,

vasectomy)

Surgical fees

Telephone, special for the deaf

Television audio display

equipment for the deaf

Therapeutic care for drug & alcohol

Drugs addiction

Therapy treatments

Transportation expenses primarily

for the rendering of medical

services

Vitamins by prescription

Wheelchair

Weight Loss Programs if

recommended by a physician\*

X-rays

Over-the-counter medication\*

\*restricted by IRS regulations



# Flexible Spending Account

#### **Eligible Expenses – Other**

#### **ADOPTION ASSISTANCE EXPENSES**

- Reasonable and necessary adoption fees
- Court costs
- Attorneys' fees
- Travel expenses

#### **DEPENDENT CARE EXPENSES**

- Babysitters
- Day Care Centers
- Nursery Schools
- After-School Programs
- Day Camp
- Eldercare

#### INDIVIDUAL HEALTH EXPENSES

- College health plans
- · Lens service agreements

# COMMON EXPENSES NOT ELIGIBLE FOR REIMBURSEMENT

- · Over the counter vitamins
- Weight-loss programs (unless recommended by a physician to treat a condition)
- Cosmetic procedures

NOTE: Flexible Spending Accounts (FSAs) can be used to pay for expenses that are not covered or not fully covered by the medical/dental/vision health care plan. The debit card can not be used for Adoption Assistance, Dependent Day Care & Individual Health Expenses. A manual claim will need to be filed.



# **FSA – Sample Work Sheet**

This form helps employees determine an approximate amount of flexible benefits they



