

Benefit Account Expense Eligibility List

Depending on the type of Flexible Spending Account (FSA) you have, the IRS allows certain medical, dental, vision, and related services to be reimbursed through FSA's. Due to frequent updates to the regulations governing FSAs, this list does not guarantee reimbursement, but instead is to be utilized as a guide for what expenses may be eligible. A summary list of common OTC medications that are now eligible for reimbursement without a prescription is also included below.

Eligible Medical Expenses		
Acupuncture	Health institute	
Alcoholism treatment	Hearing aids and batteries	
Ambulance service	Hospital services	
Artificial limb/teeth	Insulin, syringes	
Bandages, Band-Aids, wraps, and splints	Laboratory fees	
Birth control pills (Norplant, ovulation kits)	Lead-based paint removal	
Braille books and magazines	Legal fees (fees you pay that are necessary to authorize treatment for mental illness)	
Breast-reconstructive surgery following a mastectomy	Meals (only as part of inpatient hospital care)	
Chiropractor professional fees	Nursing home (if necessary for medical care and only the portion for medical services)	
Christian Science Practitioner fees	Nursing services	
Contact Lenses/solution	Operations (legal operations that are not cosmetic in nature)	
Contraceptives	Orthodontia	
Crutches/braces & supports	Orthopedic devices	
Dental treatment (includes exams, x-rays, fillings, root canals, gum disease treatment, crowns, bridges, dentures, implants, and orthodontia; does not include cosmetic	Osteopath fees	
treatments such as teeth whitening, bonding, etc.)		
Diagnostic services and tests	Oxygen equipment	
Drug dependency treatments	Physical therapy	
Drugs (prescriptions)	Pregnancy test kits	
Eye Surgery (includes cataract, LASIK, etc.)	Psychologist fees	
Eyeglasses, prescription (includes prescription sunglasses and over-the-counter reading glasses)	Schools and education (for mentally impaired or physically disabled person – see IRS publication 502)	
Fertility treatment (ovulation predictor kits and pregnancy tests, in vitro fertilization, surgery or operations to reverse a prior surgery that prevents you from having children)	Special home for person adjusting from life in mental institution to community living	
Guide dog or other animal used to assist persons with physical disabilities	Sterilization procedures (vasectomy or tubal ligation)	

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Stop-smoking program	Vaccinations	
Surgical fees (for legal operations not cosmetic in nature)	Weight-loss program (only if medically necessary to treat existing disease such as heart disease and undertaken under physician's direction)	
Therapy, physical or speech	Wheelchair	
Transplants (donor expenses, if you pay those expenses)	Wigs (if purchased upon advise of physician for mental health of patient)	
Transportation and related travel expenses for person seeking treatment (see IRS Publication 502, Transportation and Trips)	X-ray fees	
Treatment for learning disability caused by mental or physical impairment or nervous system disorders (treatment must be recommended by physician – see IRS Publication 502, Learning Disability)		

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Summary List of OTC (Over-The-Counter) Medications

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Acne treatments	Diabetic monitors, test kits, strips and supplies	
Allergy & sinus medicine and products	Diaper rash ointments and creams	
Antacids	Ear drops & wax removal	
Antibiotic ointment	Eye related equipment/materials	
Aspirin or other pain relievers	Eyeglasses (OTC)	
Asthma medicines or treatments	Fertility monitors (OTC)	
Bandages and related items (OTC)	First aid kits (OTC)	
Birth control (OTC)	Gastrointestinal medications	
Blood pressure monitors	Hemorrhoidal Preparations	
Canker & cold sore treatments	Hearing aids and batteries	
Cholesterol test kits and supplies	Incontinence supplies	
Chest rubs	Insulin, testing materials and supplies	
Cold & flu medicines	Laxatives	
Condoms	Lice treatments	
Contact lenses, cleaning solutions, etc.	Magnetic therapy (OTC)	
Corn and callus removers	Medical equipment, supplies (for treatment of medical condition) & repairs	
Cough drops & sore throat lozenges	Menstrual products	
Cough syrup	Monitors & test kits (OTC)	
Crutches, canes, walkers (purchase or rental)	Motion & nausea medicines	
Dentures, bridges, etc.	Occlusal guards to prevent teeth grinding	
Orthotics	Retin-A (for non-cosmetic purposes)	
Orthopedic and surgical supports	Sleep aids	



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OTC items for dental, oral and teething pain	Sunblock (SPF30 and above)
Ovulation monitor (OTC)	Toothache and teething pain relievers
Pain relievers	Urological products
Pregnancy tests (OTC)	Wart removal treatments
Propecia (for treatment of a medical condition)	Wheelchair and repairs
Reading glasses (OTC)	Wound care (OTC)

Still Require Letter of Medical Necessity *			
Туре	Examples	Excluded Use	
Calcium	Calcium Carbone • Caltrate • Tricalcium • Phosphate • Calcium Citrate/Lactate/or Gluconate	Routine use for general health	
Dietary supplements	Protein bars • Power drinks • Ensure • Slimfast	General energy and health	
Fiber supplements	Benefiber Metamucil	Routine use for general health	
Healing ointment	Aquaphor • Eucerin	Routine use for dry skin	
Joint supplement	Chondroitin	Routine use for general health	
Minerals	Calcium • Caltrate • Ferrous • Sulfate • Feosol • Slow FE • Folic Acid	Routine use for general health	
Vitamins	Vitamin B	Routine use for general health	
Weight loss	Diagnosis of obesity or other documented specific medical condition	General health	

^{*} These items will continue to require you to complete a letter of medical necessity from your health care provider. The letter of medical necessity will need to be submitted with your claim for reimbursement.

Common OTC Items that Remain Ineligible		
Baby diapers	Mouthwashes	
Cosmetics	Sport energy liquids, bars, etc.	
Deodorants, Shampoos, Soap	Stay awake aids (e.g. No Doz)	
Face creams, lotions, moisturizers	Teeth whitening products	
Hair removal products	Toiletries	
Insect repellants	Toothpaste, toothbrush	
Lip balms (e.g. Chapstick, Blistex)	Wrinkle reducers	