# Flexible Spending Plan (FSA)

The Flexible Spending Plan is administered by a third party vendor, Benefit Strategies. Contact Information: www.benstrat.com

Customer Service Support: 888-401-3539

Enrolled employees should receive information from benefit strategies via email. Information will include how to set up an on line account. If you have problems setting up an account or do not receive an email from Benefit Strategies, please contract Customer Service at above number.

You may also access the website and download reimbursement forms without setting up an online account:

Select Forms & Resources NH Office Flexible Benefit Administration Claim Forms

• Flex Claim Form

# BENEFIT STRATEGIES - Flex Spending Plan

# 3 Methods of Reimbursement

## FlexExpress@ Card

The <u>FlexExpress</u>© Card may look like a typical credit card but it is a special benefits card. This card provides you with easy access to your Flexible Spending Account(s) to pay your IRS qualified expenses directly at the point-of-sale. The card will only be accepted at specific healthcare providers such as physician offices, dental offices, pharmacies, hospitals, chiropractors or optometrists. The card will also work at many dependent care locations.

NOTE: Your card will be reactivated with your new election each year upon your request, so please keep your card!

What is eligible for reimbursement with the FlexExpress© card?

You are ultimately responsible for the use of your *FlexExpress* Card. The card is to reimburse only IRS eligible expenses incurred during the plan year. Be careful not to misuse the card for ineligible expenses or for expenses incurred outside of the plan year. If the card is used for any ineligible expenses, you will be required to return the funds to the plan. Misuse may result in the card's permanent revocation.

What needs to be kept for tax records?

The IRS requires you to keep all documentation for the purchases associated with the debit card. You may be required to verify eligibility of claims by submitting documentation to Benefit Strategies. Documentation must show: the date the expense was incurred, the amount of the expense after insurance adjustments, the service provider, and a description of the service/expense.

What to do if your card is lost or stolen, or to receive additional cards for a spouse or dependent? Contact customer service at 1-888-401-FLEX (3539).

#### Online Reimbursement

The second reimbursement method is to pay for your qualified expenses out-of-pocket and submit a claim by logging into your personal account at <a href="https://www.benstrat.com">www.benstrat.com</a>, then click on Employee, and choose Flexible Spending Account. Once your claims are entered, print the confirmation page and submit this to Benefit Strategies with the appropriate documentation. We will generate payment once the confirmation page and documentation have been received. Not only is our website used to file claims, it also contains important information such as account balances, claim history, banking information as well as a communications history. For help logging into your account, please contact our customer service toll free at 1-888-401-FLEX (3539).

#### Paper Reimbursement

The third reimbursement method is to pay for your qualified expenses out-of-pocket and submit a completed paper Reimbursement Request Form along with a copy of the detailed documentation of your expenses to Benefit Strategies. Claim forms can be found online at www.benstrat.com.

Benefit Strategies pays paper claims on a weekly basis. Claims that are properly completed, have the appropriate documentation and are received prior to Thursday by 12:00 pm will usually be processed on Monday. Reimbursement requests should be for a minimum of \$25, unless using your remaining account balance.

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# Acceptable Medical Expenses

cupuncture Lhiropractic therapy Contact lenses Co-pays Crutches Deductibles Dental care Diabetic supplies

Eye exams & glasses Group therapy Hearing aids & batteries Hearing care Hospitalization costs Hypnosis for treatment of an illness **Immunizations** Individual therapy

Laboratory fees Lasik eye surgery Orthodontia Orthotics Physical exams Physical therapy Physician services Prescription drugs Psychoanalysis and mental health therapy Vision care Weight loss programs when specifically recommended by a physician to treat obesity or another medical condition Wheelchairs

## Unacceptable Expenses

Aromatherapy Childrearing classes Cosmetic surgery Cosmetic dentistry Couples therapy Custodial nursing care

Family therapy Health club dues Insurance premiums Marriage counseling

Teeth bleaching performed in a dental office Weight loss programs that are NOT medically necessary

Acceptable Over-the-Counter Items\*

The following OTC expenses will remain eligible after 12/31/2010 without a prescription - Debit Card will still work

Athletic treatments Bandages Blood pressure monitors Cholesterol meter test kit and supplies Contact cleaning solutions Crutches, canes, walkers **Dentures** Diabetic monitors and supplies Eye glasses Eye related equipment Family planning products Fertility monitors First aid kits Hearing aids and batteries Insulin test strips, testing Materials and supplies Medical equipment

Medical monitoring and testing devices Orthopedic and surgical supports Pregnancy tests Urological products Wheelchair and repairs

Dual Use Over-the-Counter Items- Only eligible if accompanied with a doctor's directive\*

The following expenses are only eligible if accompanied with a doctor's prescription after 12/31/2010 ~ Debit Card will not work for these items. Participants must submit manually with the doctor's prescription.

Acne treatments Allergy & sinus medicine Antacids and digestive aids Antibiotic ointment Anti-fungal and anti-itch Asprin or other pain relievers Asthma medicine

Canker and cold sore treatment Chest rubs Cold and flu medicine Corn and callus removers Cough drops and sore throat lozenges

Cough syrup Diaper rash ointments and cream Ear drops and wax removal Gastrointestinal medication Glucosamine

Herbal or homeopathic medicine

Laxatives Lice treatments Motion and Nausea medicine Nicotine patches and gum Sleep aids Toothache gels Wart removal treatments

## Unacceptable Over-the-Counter Items

Baby bottles and cups Baby wipes Cosmetics Deodorants Feminine care

Hair re-growth systems Low calorie foods Moisturizers Oral care Petroleum jelly

\*Eligible OTC expenses are subject to change as updates and more information becomes available about this IRS regulatory change. Please also note that under the IIAS system there are a few select items that will not be deemed acceptable when using your FlexExpress® card. Please pay for these items using other means and submit a manual claim to our office for further review. Plan restrictions may apply, check with your plan administrator.

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# Flexible Spending Account Reimbursement Request Form

FAX: (603) 647-4668 (Max of 15 pages)
Address: PO Box 1300, Manchester, NH 03105-1300
E-Mail: Flexdept@benstrat.com

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# Did you know that you can....

- File your claim online
- Sign-up for direct deposit online
- Update your account information online
   Visit us online at www.benstrat.com



# Health Care Reimbursement Expenses Filing Instructions

## Who is eligible?

An employee who is enrolled in the Plan, and their legal spouse or tax dependent.

#### Examples of qualifying expenses

Medical, dental, vision, prescriptions and hearing expenses not covered by your health insurance.

Please note: Legislation recently signed a law that mandates OTC drugs and medicines will no longer be eligible for reimbursement under health FSA effective January 1, 2011.

#### Documentation must show

- A. The date the expense was incurred (not the date paid).
- B. The name of provider of services.
- C. A description of the service and/or expense.
- D. The amount of the expense for which you are responsible.

Be sure to attach a copy of the itemized receipt(s), or if you have insurance, please send the Explanation of Benefits Statement. Keep original receipts for your tax records.

Please Note: Cancelled checks, credit card receipts, and balance forward statements are NOT acceptable forms of documentation.

# Dependent Care Reimbursement Expenses Filing Instructions

## Who is eligible?

A "qualifying child or dependent" is someone whose principal place of abode is with you; who is under age 13, or
physically/mentally incapable of caring for him/herself and doesn't have income in excess of IRS tax code.
Contact your tax or legal counsel if you have questions regarding the definition of "dependent".

# Examples of qualifying expenses

The receipts submitted must be for preschool or daycare expenses, before and after school programs, day camp, or care of disabled dependents.

## Documentation must show

- A. The date the services were provided.
- B. The name of the provider of services.
- C. A description of the service.
- D. The amount of the expense for which you are responsible.
- E. A provider signature may be obtained using the Providers Signature box on the claim form in lieu of a receipt.

Please note: Cancelled checks, credit card slips or statements showing only a balance forward are not accepted as valid receipts.

#### Additional Information

Please note: You will be required to provide the name, address and taxpayer ID number (TIN) or, if no TIN, the Social Security number of the dependent care provider on your federal income tax return. If you plan to claim a federal Dependent Care Credit on your tax returns, you must first deduct the amount you were reimbursed through your Dependent Care FSA account this year.

- The person providing the dependent care services must not be a parent of the child, a child of yours under the age of 19, or a dependent for whom you will be entitled to a personal exemption on your federal income tax return.
- The Dependent Care Account is not prefunded. Therefore, you must have sufficient funds in your Dependent Care account to cover the payment amount you are requesting.
- Expenses must be incurred on or after your effective date for the plan year and before the end of the plan year (or grace period,
  if adopted by the employer). In accordance with Internal Revenue Service (IRS) rules, reimbursements will not be made until
  the services have been provided.

If you have any additional questions regarding your plan please contact us by phone at (603) 647-4666 or (888) 401-FLEX (3539).

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