

Dependent Care FSA

Why should I choose a dependent care FSA?

A dependent care FSA allows you to put aside a portion of your paycheck before taxes for eligible dependent care expenses each year.



Save money

The dependent care FSA lets you pay for eligible dependent care expenses while you reap the benefits of additional tax savings. You're spending the money either way. This way, eligible childcare and other dependent care costs are a little less.



Save strategically

Submit all of your dependent care expenses at the end of the plan year for one lump sum reimbursement to give yourself a hard-earned "bonus."



Fast Fact

For recurring costs, submit our Recurring Dependent Care Form.

It makes claim filing simple because you only need to submit one form once in order to get reimbursed each pay period.

What does it cover?

The list includes, but is not limited to, eligible:

- Childcare center, babysitter, nanny (birth through age 12)
- Summer day camp
- Before- or after-school care
- Disabled dependent and/or spouse care
- Elder care

Can I enroll?

You are eligible if you and/or your spouse (if applicable) are gainfully employed, looking for work, or are attending school on a full-time basis.

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Contribution Limits & IRS Regulations

The IRS sets the maximum dollar amount you can elect and contribute to a dependent care eligible spending account (dependent care FSA). The annual contribution limit for 2023 is:

- **Per household: \$5,000**
- **Per person (if married and filing separately): \$2,500**

Although most people incur more than the limit per year, we recommend reviewing how much you spend on eligible dependent care expenses every year to determine your election.



Funds available as you contribute

Funds will be available to you as they're deducted from your paycheck and contributed to the plan. This means when payroll is processed and your paycheck is available to you, your dependent care FSA contributions will be applied to your account and available for reimbursement.



Use-or-lose

Don't forget to spend your FSA dollars. If you have not used all of your FSA dollars before the end of the plan year, you will forfeit any money left in your account. (Check with your employer to confirm how many days you have to submit claims for reimbursement after the plan year ends.)

Changing your dependent care FSA election

In order to make changes to your election after open enrollment, you need to experience a qualifying life event. (If you experience a qualifying life event, contact your employer to make changes to your election.) These events include:

- Change in marital status
- Change in the number of dependents
- Increase due to birth, adoption or marriage
- Decrease due to death, divorce or loss of eligibility
- Gain or loss of eligibility due to a change in participant, spouse or dependent employment status
- Change in daycare providers
- Child turning age 13
- Increase or decrease in the cost of qualifying daycare expenses
- Judgement, decree or order requiring a change in coverage



Fast Fact

A great way to set it and forget it is to use our Recurring Dependent Care Form that allows you to submit one claim for the entire year and you will be reimbursed after each payroll.