



#### WHAT IS FLEXIBLE SPENDING?

A Flexible Spending Account (**FSA**) is an IRS program which allows participants to pay for qualified Medical and Dependent Care expenses with pre-tax dollars.

#### **HOW DOES AN FSA WORK?**

During your employer's open enrollment you will estimate your expenses and make an annual election amount.

Deductions will be made uniformly from each paycheck (pre-tax) throughout the plan-year and are contributed to your FSA. Once expenses have been incurred, you file a reimbursement claim with USBAflex and we will reimburse you directly out of your FSA.

### WHAT TYPES OF FSAS ARE AVAILABLE?

There are two types of FSAs offered by the IRS, Health/
Medical and Dependent Care. The Medical FSA is to cover
out-of-pocket medical, dental, and vision expenses.\*

The Dependent Care FSA is a benefit that reimburses
dependent care related expenses such as child daycare.

Because they are two separate accounts, money cannot
be exchanged between them.

<sup>\*</sup>See the *Common Eligible Medical Expenses* list on page six

### HOW WILL PARTICIPATING SAVE ME MONEY?

When you participate in an FSA, your pre-tax deductions lower your taxable income. When your taxable income is lower, your spendable income is higher.

#### **COMMON ELIGIBLE MEDICAL EXPENSES**

Office co-pays

Chiropractic visits

Vaccinations

Contacts/Glasses

Eye exams

Prescriptions

Dental treatment (non-cosmetic)

Surgery

Radiology

Emergency room

Hearing aids

Laboratory fees

Anesthesia

Physical therapy

Orthodontia Dermatology (non-cosmetic)

Psychiatric care

Lasik eye surgery

Medical deductibles

Acupuncture

Over-the-counter items:

Pain relievers

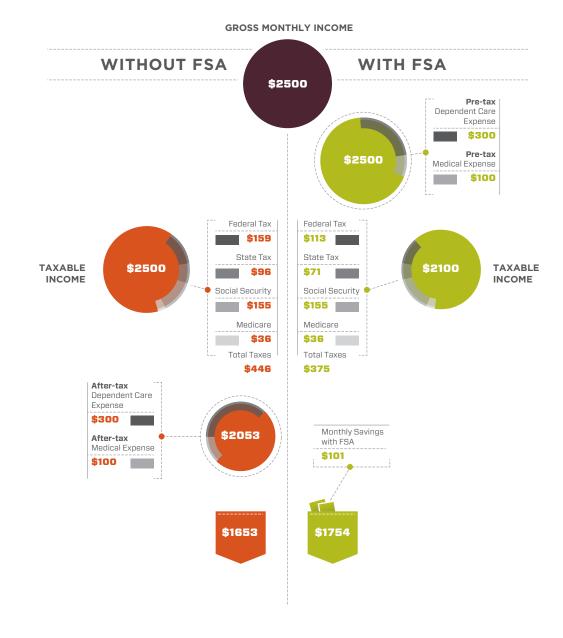
Creams/Ointments

Antacids/Stomach Relief

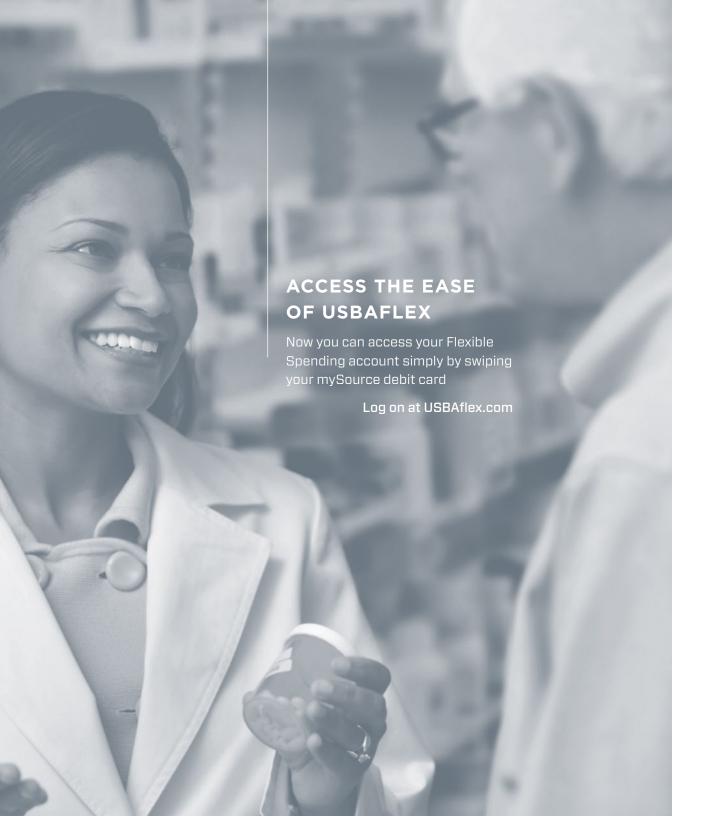
Sinus/Allergy

Cold/Cough

When you have known medical or dependent care expenses, Flexible Spending is a great way to put money back in your pocket. The more you plan, the more you save.



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# **ESTIMATING YOUR EXPENSES**

It is important to estimate your expenses as accurately as possible. Money left in the FSA at the end of the year cannot be rolled over into the next year's FSA. This worksheet can help you to estimate your expenses and take full advantage of your FSA.

MEDICAL EXPENSES		EXPENSES		
Medical deductibles	\$	Child daycare	\$	
Office co-payments	\$	Summer day camps	\$	
Prescription drugs	\$	Adult daycare	\$	
Vision exams	\$	Misc. dependent care	\$	
Glasses/Contacts	\$	Annual Estimate:	3	
Dental services	\$			
Orthodontia	\$			
Routine exams/Physicals	\$			
Misc. health expenses	\$			
Annual Estimate:	\$	] 	+	
		Total Annual Estimate: (Health and Dependent Care)	6	

# MORE RESOURCES ONLINE

Log on to USBAflex.com to check your balance, view your account history, print reimbursement pages, and check the industry's most comprehensive eligible expenses list.

**DEPENDENT CARE** 





# IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT US!

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