
Gilsbar Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account

The Dependent Care FSA helps you pay for child care services which make it possible for you and your spouse (if applicable) to work. It also may be used to help pay for the care of a disabled spouse or dependent.

The Dependent Care FSA creates tax savings on up to **\$5,000** of daycare expenses. That can mean \$1,500 in tax savings enough to pay for weeks of eligible child or adult daycare!

How Does a Dependent Care FSA work?

A Dependent Care FSA is a reimbursement account that allows you to set aside a certain amount of each paycheck on a pre-tax basis to pay for your eligible dependent day care expenses. The amount you elect at the beginning of each plan year, is deducted from your gross earnings before federal and state taxes are calculated. By using your FSA to pay for qualified expenses you save on income tax...which means you have more money in your pocket!

To estimate your dependent care expenses, consider your expenses from last year. An expense worksheet is provided at the end of this section to help you determine the amount of money to allocate for your Dependent Care FSA. Remember, the IRS requires that all money in your account be used during the plan year. You can access balance information 24/7 online via myGilsbar.com. Select the Flexible Spending Accounts link to view your balances.

Am I eligible to use the Dependent Care FSA?

To be eligible, you must be at work during the time your eligible dependent receives care. You must also meet one of the following eligibility guidelines:

- You and your spouse are both employed;
- You are a single parent;
- Your spouse is a full-time student at least five months during the year while you are working;
- Your spouse is physically or mentally unable to provide his/her own care; or
- You are divorced or legally separated and have custody of your child most of the time even though your former spouse may claim the child for income tax purposes.

Who is an eligible dependent?

An eligible dependent is defined as any person who can be claimed as a dependent for federal tax purposes and who:

- Is a child under 13 years of age;
- Is a child over the age of 13 who is physically or mentally incapable of caring for himself or herself;
- Is your spouse who is physically or mentally incapable of caring for himself or herself,
- An elderly parent who resides with you and is physically or mentally incapable of caring for himself or herself.

What expenses are covered?

Eligible dependent care expenses are those which allow you and your spouse, if you are married, to work or attended school full- time. Below are some examples of eligible dependent care expenses:

- Day care facility fees
- Before/after school care
- Summer day camp (not overnight)
- Nursery school or preschool, if child is too young for kindergarten
- In home babysitting fees, if not provided by another dependent and claimed as income by the care provider
- Private school tuition, K4 and above is not eligible for reimbursement

Is there anything I have to keep in mind when it comes time to file my taxes?

You are required to provide the name, address and taxpayer identification (or Social Security number) of the dependent care provider on your income tax return. If you are unable to provide this information, both the tax credit and the exclusion for the spending account reimbursement may be denied by the IRS. Verify that this information is available before you elect to participate in the Dependent Care FSA.

Expenses reimbursed from this FSA cannot be used to claim a Federal Income Tax credit; therefore, you will have to determine which approach is best for you. You may even be able to combine the expense account and tax credits to reduce your overall dependent care expenses. However, the maximum expense you can claim when using both the tax credit and FSA is the tax credit limit (\$2,400 for one dependent or \$4,800 for two or more dependents), minus the amount reimbursed under the Dependent Care FSA.

How do I get reimbursed?

As you incur eligible expenses you must submit a completed Dependent Care FSA claim form to Gilsbar with proof of payment from your day care provider or from the individual who provides the care. Dependent Care FSA claims must include the federal tax identification number or Social Security number, name and address of the provider, dates of service, type of service rendered and name of dependent. The individual who provides the care cannot be your spouse or a dependent under the age of 19.

With a Dependent Care FSA, you will be reimbursed as you set funds aside. If you submit a claim for more than what has been set aside for that account, the unreimbursed claim portion will be placed in "pending" status until funds are received through payroll deduction at which time you will receive reimbursement.

Fax Claims and Proof of Expense to 866-635-1329 for Processing.

Can I pay my in-home daycare provider through the Dependent Care FSA?

Yes. You can be reimbursed from your Dependent Care FSA for any qualified daycare expenses, whether performed in your home, the provider's home or a "daycare center". Receipts for the expenses and the caregiver's Tax ID number or Social Security number must be provided.

I'm divorced; my ex-spouse claims our child as a deduction for tax purposes. I pay for child care. Can I use the Dependent Care FSA?

If your child resides with you most of the year, you can use the dependent care account to pay for child care services. However, you might want to call your tax advisor to discuss your particular circumstances before you elect to participate in the account.

If I have a question about my account, what should I do?

If you have any questions, you can access your account information 24/7 at **myGilsbar.com** or you can call Gilsbar's Customer Contact Center at **1-800-445-7227 ext. 883**.

Dependent Care FSA Expense Worksheet

Dependent care expenses you paid last year could include:

Costs of Child or Adult Care Facilities*

Day Care Center / Nursery School \$ _____

Family Day Care / Adult Day Care Centers** \$ _____

Wages paid to a nanny or in home care provider*** \$ _____

* The facility must follow all local and state laws.

** These costs are eligible only if the adult dependent spends at least eight hours per day at home.

*** Please note these expenses are not eligible if the care services are provided by someone that you claim as a dependent.

Other dependent care expenses considered eligible by the IRS \$ _____

TOTAL ESTIMATED DEPENDENT CARE EXPENSES \$ _____

Compare last year's typical expenses to those eligible under your Dependent Care FSA and budget accordingly for the upcoming year.

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If you prefer to submit your form by mail, please send claim form and receipts to: Claims Processing Center, P.O. Box 26046, Tampa, FL 33623

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