
Gilsbar Health Reimbursement Account (HRA)

Effective Date: August 1, 2010

- ***Health Reimbursement Annual Employer Contribution: \$750***
- ***Waiting Period: When insurance becomes effective***
- ***Run Off Period: 90 days following the end of the plan year to file for services rendered during the plan year***

The Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) is an Employer-sponsored plan that can be used to reimburse a portion of you and your eligible family member's out-of-pocket medical expenses, such as deductibles, coinsurance and pharmacy expenses. The HRA is not an insurance program, but a financial reimbursement plan funded entirely by the County. A Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) gives you the opportunity to manage your health care expenses in partnership with the County.

Basically all types of medical, dental, vision, deductibles, copayments, coinsurance and other healthcare related expenses may be reimbursed by the HRA as defined by Code Section 213(d). In order to be an eligible **premium expense** under an HRA, the premium must qualify as a medical expense under Code Section 213(d).

Other qualified medical expenses from your HRA include the following:

- Amounts paid for health insurance premiums.
- Amounts paid for long-term care coverage.
- Amounts that are not covered under another health plan.

Good news is that you do not pay federal income taxes or employment taxes on amounts the County contributes to the HRA.

Balances that remain at the end of the year can be carried over to the next year and there is not a limit on the amount that you can rollover. The County is not permitted to refund any part of the balance to you. These amounts may never be used for anything but reimbursements for qualified medical expenses.

If you terminate your employment you will be able to spend down the balance in your account **IF** you elect COBRA.

Gilsbar's Customer Contact Center - 1.800.445.7227 ext. 883

WEBSITE: www.myGilsbar.com



Gilsbar Health Care Flexible Spending Account

Plan Year: August 1, 2010 - July 31, 2011

- ***Health Care Choice FSA Maximum: \$2,000***
- ***Health Care Choice FSA Minimum: \$240***
- ***Waiting Period: 1st of the month after 30 days of employment***
- ***Run Off Period: 90 days following the end of the plan year to file for services rendered during the plan year***
- ***If you participate in both the FSA and HRA, your debit card will pull funds from your FSA first***
- ***Be advised that recent Senate legislation has stated that effective January 1, 2011, participants are required to have a prescription for Over-the-Counter ("OTC") products to be eligible under their FSA plan. Therefore a prescription or letter of medical necessity would be required after January 1, 2011 for OTC items.***

Flexible Spending Accounts allow you to use pre-taxed dollars towards health care expenses such as prescription and over-the-counter medication, certain medical procedures, copays, and more. With Flexible Spending Accounts (FSA), you can save a significant amount of money on your health and day care expenses using a Health Care and/or Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account (FSA). The frequently asked FSA questions below will help you understand how to make the most of this program and your paycheck.

General questions regarding Health Care and Dependent Care Accounts:

What is an FSA?

Provided by your employer, an FSA is a reimbursement account that allows you to set aside a certain amount of each paycheck, pre-tax, to help pay for your out-of-pocket medical expenses and/or dependent day care expenses. The amount you elect is deducted from 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 your take home pay increases!

Will I pay taxes on the money I set aside?

No. FSA contributions and reimbursements are exempt from Federal Income taxes, Social Security (FICA) taxes, and in most cases, state income taxes.

What kind of savings can I realize by participating in this program?

Actual savings depend on your tax bracket, but most people will save about 30% on their eligible health care and dependent care expenses.

Can I submit expenses I incurred before the beginning of the plan year?

No. Only expenses incurred during the plan year and while you are a participant are eligible for reimbursement.

How long do I have to file a claim with Gilsbar after the plan year ends?

You have a grace period (90 days) after the end of the plan year to submit expenses incurred during the plan year.

Can I change the amount of my election(s) in the FSA program during the plan year? (i.e. my glasses cost more than I anticipated, I miscalculated my daycare expenses for the year)

Generally, you may not change your FSA elections during the Plan Year. However, you may change during the annual enrollment period for the coming Plan Year.

There is an exception to this rule: you may change or revoke your deferral rate in the FSA if you have a Change in Dependent Status. Examples of a qualifying status change may include:

- Marriage, divorce, or legal separation
- Birth, adoption or placement for adoption of a child
- Death of a dependent or spouse
- Change in employment status of yourself or your spouse
- A significant change caused by a third party in the cost of your dependent care coverage

If I terminate employment, or participation in the FSA, what happens to the money left in my account(s)?

You will be reimbursed only for expenses incurred prior to your termination date, and submitted within the termination grace period. Any money remaining in your account(s) after the grace period will be forfeited.

Can I view my FSA balances online?

Yes! Visit myGilsbar.com and login to access claims information and FSA balances online. Once you are logged in, select the "Reimbursement Account Center" link on the left side of the screen to view your account balances. If you are new to myGilsbar, complete the brief site registration to login. You will need your group number (S2587), social security number, and a valid email address to complete this section.

What if I have a question?

If you have any questions regarding your account balance, claim reimbursement or eligible expenses, you can access your account information at myGilsbar.com or you can call our Customer Contact Center at 1.800.445.7227 ext. 883.

How does participating in an FSA save me money?

The following example illustrates how a FSA saves you money. This example shows the per period savings for an employee on a bi-weekly payroll, with a tax status of "single" with one exemption:

	<u>With FSA</u>	<u>Without FSA</u>
Salary	\$1000	\$1000
Less Pre-Taxed Dollars:		
Health Care Reimbursement	\$100	0
Dependent Day Care Reimbursement	\$150	0
Taxable Income	\$750	\$1000
Less:		
Federal Income Tax	\$82	\$121
State Income Tax	\$17.58	\$23.44
Social Security	\$57.37	\$76.50
Net Take Home Pay	\$593.05	\$779.06
Less Health Care & Dependent Care Expenses	\$0	\$250
Net After Expenses	\$593.05	\$529.06
Tax Savings This Pay Period: \$63.99		
Annual Tax Savings: \$63.99 X 26 pay periods = \$1,663.74		

MEDICAL REIMBURSEMENT ACCOUNT

The Health Care FSA is simple! Provided by your employer, a Health Care FSA is a reimbursement account that allows you to set aside a certain amount of each paycheck, pre-tax, to help you pay for your out-of-pocket medical expenses. The amount you elect is deducted from gross earnings before federal and state taxes are calculated. By using your FSA to pay for qualified medical expenses you save on income tax... which means your take home pay increases.

How does the Health Care FSA Work?

With a Health Care FSA, you must decide on your contribution amount at the beginning of the plan year. The amount you designate will be equally divided between pay periods. To estimate the out-of-pocket expenses that you, your spouse, and your dependents may incur, consider any standard co-pays, prescriptions, office visit, and over-the-counter medications and planned medical expenses, i.e. braces or LASIK eye surgery. An expense worksheet has been provided at the end of this section to help you determine the amount of money to allocate to your Health Care FSA.

The IRS requires you to forfeit any money that is left in the FSA at the end of the year. Generally, it is better to underestimate the expenses and pay a little extra tax than to overestimate expenses and forfeit money. To help avoid forfeitures, you will receive a notice of your balance prior to the end of each year.

You can access balance information online 24/7 via myGILSBAR.com. Select the "Reimbursement Account Center" link on the left side of the screen to view your balances. Once you decide how much you want to contribute each paycheck, the money is automatically deposited into your account. As you incur eligible expenses, fax your completed claim form and receipts to Gilsbar for reimbursement.

What is eligible for reimbursement under the Health Care FSA?

Eligible health care expenses may include deductibles, co-payments and amounts over the maximum your plan pays, expenses for routine physicals and other expenses not covered by your health care plan. For more complete listing please refer to the "Qualified Medical Expenses Eligible for Reimbursement" list.

How do I get reimbursed?

For reimbursement of expenses covered under a health care plan:

- Ensure your expenses are submitted to your health carrier
- If you also have coverage through a spousal plan, you must submit your expenses to both carriers before you submit your expenses for FSA reimbursement
- Once processed by your health carrier(s), complete the Health Care Expense Claim form and attach a copy of the "Explanation of Benefits" showing the unpaid expenses
- For reimbursement of expenses not covered under a health care plan: ex.: over-the-counter medicines
- Complete the Health Care Expenses claim form and attach itemized bills for the expense

FAX CLAIMS AND PROOF OF EXPENSE TO 866-635-1329 FOR PROCESSING.

How much will be reimbursed?

When you submit a health care expense, you will be reimbursed for eligible expenses claim up to the maximum amount you elected for the plan year, minus any previous reimbursements.

Can I use my Health Care FSA for my family's expenses?

Eligible health care expenses incurred by you, your spouse, or any dependent that you claim as a dependent on your income tax returns are allowable for reimbursement.

If I don't have any medical insurance through my company, can I still participate in the Health Care FSA?

Yes. Out-of-pocket expenses for you and your dependents are eligible for reimbursement whether or not you are insured through your company. Health related expenses are reimbursable for your dependents, if you claim them as a dependent on your income tax returns (this definition of a dependent may be different than that used for your health insurance plan).

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

Expenses payable through your benefits program (or your spouse's, if applicable) are not eligible for reimbursement under the Health Care FSA. In addition, expenses reimbursed through your Health Care FSA cannot be claimed as a deduction on your income tax returns.

I am covered under both my health insurance plan and my spouse's. Do I have to submit medical expenses to both plans before I can file for reimbursement from my Health Care FSA?

Yes. IRS regulations do not permit reimbursement of expenses through the FSA that would otherwise be covered under your health insurance plan. Expenses should first be submitted to your health insurance plan(s), then send any remaining unpaid claims to Gilsbar for reimbursement.

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 www.mygilsbar.com, or you can call Gilsbar's Customer Contact Center at 1-800-445-7227 ext. 883. The following is a brief summary of information and is intended to serve as a quick reference to help determine whether or not an expense may be eligible for reimbursement. This list is not all-inclusive. This information is not tax advice. Tax advice should be obtained from a professional tax advisor.

Qualified Medical Expenses Eligible For Reimbursement

- Acupuncture
- Alcoholism treatment
- Ambulance
- Artificial limbs
- Artificial teeth
- Birth control
- Braces
- Braille books and magazines
- Capital expenses
- Special car hand controls/special car equipment for a disability
- Chiropractor's fees
- Christian Science practitioners' fees
- Contact lenses
- Contact lens solution
- Crutches
- Dental fees (not considered cosmetic)
- Diagnostic fees
- Drug addiction
- Eyeglasses
- Eye exams
- Guide Dog
- Health Institute
- Hearing aids
- Hearing aid batteries
- Hospital services
- Immunizations

Insulin
Laboratory fees
Lead-based paint removal
Learning disability
Medical information plan
Medical services
Nursing services
Operations
Osteopathic Physicians
Over-the-counter medications*
Oxygen
Prescription drugs
Psychiatric care
Psychoanalyses
Psychologist
Sterilization
Stop Smoking programs
Telephone for hearing impaired
Television for hearing impaired
Therapy*
Transplants (organ)
Transportation
Weight loss programs* (not food)
Wheelchair
X-ray

Expenses Not Eligible For Reimbursement

Baby-sitting and childcare
Bleaching teeth (cosmetic)
Cosmetic surgery
Dancing lessons
Diaper service
Dietary supplements
Electrolysis
Face lifts
Food
Funeral expenses
Hair transplants
Health club membership dues
Household help
Illegal operations or treatments
Insurance premiums
Laetrile
Liposuction
Marijuana used medically
Maternity clothes
Personal use items
Prescription drugs

considered cosmetic, Rogaine
 Swimming lessons
 Vitamins
 Any expenses not considered “medically necessary” by the IRS
 Any expense for your general health, even if your doctor prescribes the program

OVER-THE-COUNTER LIST

	eligible	ineligible	dual purpose
Acne treatment	x		
Allergy medicines	x		
Antacids	x		
Anti-diarrhea medicine	x		
Bactine	x		
Bandages	x		
Band-aids	x		
Bug bite medication	x		
Calamine lotion	x		
Carpal tunnel wrist supports	x		
Chapstick		x	
Condoms	x		
Contact cleaning medicine	x		
Cough drops	x		
Cough or cold medicine	x		
Creams or ointments for muscle or joint pain	x		
Diaper rash ointments	x		
Dietary supplements to treat specific medical condition			x
Face Cream		x	
Feminine hygiene products			x
Fiber supplements			x
First aid cream	x		
First aid kits	x		
Food with weight loss programs		x	
Gauze pads	x		
Glucosamine/Chondroitin			x
Health club dues			x
Incontinence supplies	x		
Lactose intolerant pills			x
Laxative	x		
Liquid adhesives for small cuts	x		
Medicated shampoos		x	
Medicated soap		x	
Moisturizers		x	
Motion sickness pills or patches	x		
Nasal sinus sprays	x		
Nasal sprays for snoring			x

	eligible	ineligible	dual purpose
Nasal strips			x
Nicotine gum or patches for stop smoking purposes	x		
One-a-day vitamins		x	
Orthopedic shoes and inserts (only reimburse for cost above cost of regular shoes)			x
Over-the-counter home therapy and treatment for menopause to treat symptoms such as hot flashes night sweats, etc.			x
Pain relievers	x		
Pedialyte for ill children's hydration	x		
Pregnancy test kits	x		
Prenatal vitamins			x
Reading glasses	x		
Rubbing alcohol	x		
Shipping and sales tax for eligible item	x		
Sinus medications	x		
Sleeping aids	x		
Special ointment or creams for sunburn (not just regular skin moisturizers)	x		
Spermicidal foam	x		
St. John's Wort for depression			x
Sunscreen			x
Suntan lotion		x	
Suppositories and creams for hemorrhoids	x		
Thermometers (ear or mouth)	x		
Throat lozenges	x		
Toothbrushes (electric or otherwise) even if medical practitioner recommends special ones to treat a condition	x		
Toothpaste		x	
Visine tears and other such eye products	x		
Wart remover treatments	x		
Weight-loss drugs			x

* Primarily for medical care. The IRS allows reimbursement of reasonable quantities in the case of over-the-counter medicines, drugs and medical supplies.

** Never eligible for reimbursement under the IRS guidelines.

*** Items that may or may not be eligible for reimbursement. The expense is not eligible for reimbursement if it is for personal use, cosmetic or used for general health purposes.

Health Care FSA Expense Worksheet

This worksheet has been prepared to help you determine the amount of money you wish to allocate to your Health Care FSA. You may want to review your check-book register or credit card statements from last year to identify medical expenses you paid out of your own pocket. Compare last year's typical expenses to those eligible under your Health Care FSA and budget accordingly for the upcoming year, keep in mind to only budget for those expenses specifically eligible under your Health Care FSA.

Health Care Expenses You Paid Last Year Could Include:	
Deductibles (medical and dental)	\$ _____
Benefit percentage/co-insurance (The amount NOT paid by your insurance)	\$ _____
Amounts paid over plan limits	
Over reasonable and customary allowance	\$ _____
Over psychiatric limits	\$ _____
Over private room allowance	\$ _____
Expenses NOT covered by your insurance plan	
Physicals	\$ _____
Prescription drugs	\$ _____
Over-the-counter medications	\$ _____
Vision care	\$ _____
Hearing expenses	\$ _____
Psychiatric care	\$ _____
Dental and orthodontic care	\$ _____
Assistance for the handicapped	\$ _____
Therapy/treatments	\$ _____
Physician's fees/services	\$ _____
Medical equipment	\$ _____
Miscellaneous charges	\$ _____
My out-of-pocket health care (expenses last year)	\$ _____

NOTE: Be advised that recent Senate legislation has stated that effective January 1, 2011, participants are required to have a prescription for Over-the-Counter ("OTC") products to be eligible under their FSA plan. Therefore a prescription or letter of medical necessity would be required after January 1, 2011 for OTC items.

Flex Debit Card

January 1, 2008, new IRS rules simplified the use of Flex Debit Cards. These rules now require drugstores and supermarkets to identify FSA-eligible items at checkout and require the drugstore or supermarket to only use the card for FSA eligible items. This means that you can use your card at participating stores that offer this feature for the total FSA-eligible amount and NO receipts are needed to verify the eligibility of the purchase! And of course, you can continue to use your card at pharmacies and other health care providers.

Please visit <http://www.sig-is.org/en/index.asp> and click on **IAS Merchant List** for the latest list of participating merchants.

Here's an example:

You have been purchasing prescriptions at a pharmacy in a local supermarket using your card. You go to the store to pick up a prescription and if the store has not made the change required by the IRS to identify FSA-eligible items, your card may be declined at the point of purchase. In this case, you can transfer your prescriptions to a pharmacy in a participating discount store or supermarket, or to a freestanding pharmacy, or simply continue to turn in your paper receipts for reimbursement as you have previously.

Important point to remember:

If you use your Card in a discount store or supermarket that is not participating — even if you purchased FSA-eligible items in the store prior, your card may decline.

Here's how your Flex Card works at participating stores:

1. Bring prescriptions and vision products, OTCs and other purchases to the register at checkout to let the clerk ring them up.
2. Present your Card and swipe it for payment.
3. If the Card swipe transaction is approved (e.g., there are sufficient funds in the account and at least some of the purchases are FSA eligible), the amount of the FSA-eligible purchases is deducted from the account balance and no receipt follow up is required. The clerk will then ask for another form of payment for the non-FSA-eligible items.
4. If the Card swipe transaction is declined, the clerk will ask for another form of payment for the total amount of the purchase.
5. The receipt will identify the FSA-eligible items and may also show a subtotal of the FSA-eligible purchases.

How does the FSA Debit Card work?

Shortly after the start of the plan year you will receive your FSA Debit Card to use for your eligible medical expenses. If you are a current participant, your card will reflect the new plan year contribution amount on the new effective date of the plan. As you incur expenses, use your FSA Debit Card to have the funds taken directly out of your account so you don't have to pay with cash out of your pocket.

Where can I use my FSA Debit Card?

Your FSA Debit Card will only be accepted at authorized vendors that have the appropriate merchant codes, such as medical clinics, hospitals, dental offices, vision care centers and pharmacies.

If I use my FSA Debit Card, is verification of claims still required?

Per IRS requirements, verification of claims is required for all debit card transactions. A large portion of debit card transactions can be verified using one of the IRS' approved electronic methods; however, **not all transactions can be verified electronically**. For any expense that cannot be verified electronically, **you must provide supporting documentation** upon request in the form of an itemized bill or receipt to Gilsbar. Verification should include the patient name, date of service, description of services rendered, cost and patient liability. If Gilsbar does not receive verification within 30 days of the date requested you will be asked to return the un-verified amounts to your employer, or they may be counted as taxable income to you.

Are there special rules that related to prescriptions, over-the-counter (OTC) products, and vision expenses incurred at retail merchants?

On January 1, 2008, new special IRS rules allow you to use your FSA debit card in participating discount stores and supermarkets that can identify FSA-eligible items at checkout. This means that you can use your card at participating stores for the total FSA-eligible amount and NO receipts are needed to verify the eligibility of the purchase! Important point to remember: If you use your card in a discount store or supermarket that is not participating in the IRA program, even if you purchased FSA-eligible items there before, your card may decline.

Can I use my FSA Debit Card for eligible Dependent Care (DCA) expenses?

If you have the **DCA and HRA (Health Reimbursement Account)**, you will be able to use your debit card for Dependent Care expenses.

What happens if the FSA Debit Card is used for an ineligible expense?

Gilsbar will review all charges and determine if the card was used for an ineligible expense, according to IRS guidelines. If it was, we will notify you for repayment of the invalid amount. Failure to repay within 30 days of the request can result in the loss of your debit card privileges.

What should I do to pay for an expense that is more than my account balance?

You should tell the merchant to swipe your card for the amount equal to what is left in your account, then use another payment method to pay the remaining balance.

Gilsbar FSA Substantiation FAQ

Documenting & Submitting Proof of FSA Eligible Purchases

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Previously, I never received notices asking for debit card receipts. Why am I now getting these notices?

The IRS changed the rules regarding how debit cards need to operate for an FSA. These rules took effect on January 1, 2008, so after January 1, 2008, the process Gilsbar has to follow has changed and hence, you have seen a change. According to the new rules, there are five basic requirements that must be met for you to use a debit card for your FSA. These requirements are:

- Participants must provide certification each year that they will only use the debit card for FSA eligible items. This is done during the enrollment process.
- The participant must retain all receipts for all transactions.
- 100% of debit card transaction must be reviewed by a third party to ensure that the items purchased are FSA eligible.
- Sampling or employee “self-certification” is not allowed for an FSA.
- Debit cards can only be used at locations that are medical service providers or provide point of purchase review.

Fortunately, in the new rules, the IRS defines several electronic substantiation Methods that we can follow to help with the adjudication process. These methods are:

- **Co-pay Match** – If a transaction equals a co-pay amount or multiples of co-pay amounts under the health plan, no additional information is needed to support a card transaction.
- **Recurring Expense** – For transactions that were previously substantiated, recurring expenses will also be considered substantiated provided they are incurred with the same provider at the same location for exactly the same amount.
- **Real-Time or Merchant Substantiation** – If a transaction can be matched against real-time data at the point of purchase identifying it as a medical expense, no additional substantiation is needed.

All in all, with the new rules, about 72% of all debit card transactions fit one of the electronic substantiation categories listed above. Meaning, Gilsbar is asking for detail on about 28% of all debit cards transactions.

Why does the IRS have these rules? Isn't it my money?

Yes, the money that you put into an FSA is your money; however, in order to receive this money WITHOUT paying taxes you must follow the rules that the IRS has provided for the receipt of an FSA pre-tax reimbursement. At the present time, these rules require all administrators to verify that the money in the FSA is being used for medical care purposes.

What should I do if I receive substantiation letters?

You should sign and return these notices to Gilsbar when you submit your receipts, and keep a copy of these letters for your records. Remember, you can mail or fax your receipts and forms to Gilsbar:

Mail: Employee Reimbursement Center /P.O. Box 26046 / Tampa, FL 33623 /

Fax: 866.635.1329

What are acceptable forms of substantiation?

Acceptable forms of substantiation include: Explanation of Benefits (EOBs) and register and/or provider receipts showing the date, item bought and dollar amount charged. Credit card receipts are not acceptable forms because they do not provide the specific item purchased; therefore, Gilsbar cannot determine if the expense was an FSA eligible item.

Is it a requirement that providers, pharmacies, hospitals, etc. provide a receipt with service?

No, it is not a requirement that they provide a receipt, but we suggest you always ask for and collect a receipt from medical providers and facilities. If you are ever audited by the IRS, they will require these receipts for validation of purchases.

In addition to sending my receipts to Gilsbar, should I also keep copies of my receipts?

Because FSAs are federally regulated accounts, we do encourage you to practice good record-keeping habits. Just like you track other items for tax purposes each year, consider your FSA documentation just as important. It is our recommendation that you keep these receipts for your personal records in addition to sending to Gilsbar.

Here are a few organization and record-keeping suggestions:

- Designate a folder to keep copies of only your FSA eligible receipts.
- In this same folder, keep copies of any information you receive from your employer or Gilsbar regarding FSAs. This includes marketing pieces, letters, or notices you may receive.
- Register on myGilsbar.com and start utilizing the Reimbursement Account Center to stay informed and up-to-date on your account. The reimbursement account center allows you to access the following:

- Available balance
- Submitted claims
- Pending claims
- Payments received
- Lists of eligible expenses
- Downloadable forms
- And much more!

I thought purchases at certain vendors were automatically substantiated and considered approved purchases?

Effective January 1, 2009, no additional substantiation is required for debit card transactions that are approved at the point of sale by merchants (specifically pharmacies) who have adopted the Inventory Information Approval System (IIAS).

The IIAS system compares the SKU on the item being purchased to a list of FSA eligible items sold at the store. When a FSA debit card is used, the pharmacy will only allow the card to pay for the FSA eligible items and any non-FSA eligible items will need to be paid for using an alternative method of payment. If merchants have not adopted this system, FSA debit cards might not work at their places of business. Until then, providing copies of receipts, even pharmacy purchases, is still required.

If you have any questions concerning your Plan, please feel free to contact:

Gilsbar's Customer Contact Center at 1.800.445.7227 ext. 883

Fax Claims and Proof of expense to: **1.866.635.1329 for processing**

(PLEASE KEEP YOUR ORIGINALS)

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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Gilsbar Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account

Plan Year: August 1, 2010 - July 31, 2011

- **Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account Maximum: \$5,000**
 - **Waiting Period: Employees can apply during the Annual Enrollment**
 - **Reminder: Debit card cannot be used with the Dependent Care account**
- EXCEPTION:** If you have the DCA and HRA (Health Reimbursement Account), you will be able to use your debit card for Dependent Care expenses.

Dependent Care Reimbursement 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.

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 attend 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. The Tax credit is up to \$3,000 for one qualifying individual and up to \$6,000 for two or more qualifying individuals. The percentage of dependent care expenses that can be used is 35%. The start of the phase out range from adjusted gross income is \$15,000. You may want to consult your tax advisor to see if the Flexible Spending Account or the tax credit will be more advantageous to your family.

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.

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.

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.

REMINDERS:

- Participants should keep all of their receipts for the entire plan year in the event that Gilsbar ask for documentation or the IRS requests a copy of a receipt.
- You will have **90 days** following the end of the plan year to file for services rendered during the plan year. You may send all requests for reimbursement directly to Gilsbar.
- *Recent Senate legislation has stated that effective January 1, 2011, participants are required to have a prescription for Over-the-Counter (“OTC”) products to be eligible under their FSA plan. Therefore a prescription or letter of medical necessity would be required after January 1, 2011 for OTC items.*

If you have any questions concerning your Plan, please feel free to contact:

Gilsbar’s Customer Contact Center at 1.800.445.7227 ext. 883

Fax Claims and Proof of expense to: **1.866.635.1329 for processing**
(PLEASE KEEP YOUR ORIGINALS)

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
(PLEASE KEEP YOUR ORIGINALS)

WEBSITE: www.myGilsbar.com

Login to access claims information and FSA balances online. Once you are logged in, select the “Reimbursement Account Center” link on the left side of the screen to view your account balances.

If you are new to myGilsbar, complete the brief site registration to login. You will need your group number (S2587), social security number, and a valid email address to complete this section.



Gilsbar Welcome Letter (Example)

Thank you for choosing to participate in the Health Care or Dependent Care FSA. Your FSA plans are administered by Gilsbar, Inc.

Your Gilsbar group number is S2587 (actual group # for Robeson County Government)

Access the MyGilsbar.com Website to Manage your Account 24/7!

- View plan year balance
- Set up or edit ACH/Bank Draft information*
- Check claim status
- View claim/ receipt images within 24 hours
- Obtain claim forms
- Set up email messaging
- View payments and payment dates
- File appeals to denied claims

**To participate in the FSA Direct Deposit (ACH / Bank Draft) a valid email address is required.*

It's easy to get started:

Step 1: After your effective date, go to www.mygilsbar.com and register as a new participant.

You will complete a brief registration form to register with a valid email address and your group number.

Step 2: Once logged in, click on a selection under the Reimbursement Account Center section in the left navigation bar.

If you are a first time user, you will be prompted to enter your email address to sign up for our Reimbursement Account Center email service. This is an important step to ensure you will receive email updates when:

- a. A claim is received
- b. The claim/receipt images are ready to view online
- c. The claim is processed and posted for payment

Step 3: Click the Accounts tab at the top to confirm that your annual election(s) and address are accurate. Contact us with any discrepancies.

Step 4: Confirm that your ACH/Auto Bank Draft information is entered and accurate, (or to set up direct deposits into your bank account) click the Profile tab at the top and click **Edit** under the **Your ACH** section. To update your email address, click **Edit** under the **View / Edit Your Profile** section.

For Fastest Processing,
FAX Claims and Receipts to:
1.866.635.1329

Mail Claims and Receipts to:
Claims Processing Center
PO Box 26046
Tampa, FL 33623

(Please keep your originals)

Customer Contact Center
7:00 AM – 7:00 PM Central Time

Phone: 1.800.445.7227 ext. 883
Email: flex@gilsbar.com

(Please do not email claims/receipts)