

City of Albany

Flexible Spending Account Summary January 1, 2025 – December 31, 2025

A Flexible Spending Account (FSA) is a type of plan that allows you to receive certain benefits on a pretax basis. This means you will not have to pay Social Security/Medicare taxes or federal/state income taxes on the money. Think of it as a tax-free, interest-free loan to yourself.

<u>The Plans</u>: The following FSA components are available through your employer. These expenses are for your tax dependents. Examples include you, your spouse, or child(ren), even if they are not covered on your employer's group insurance plan.

Insurance Premium Component

• If your employer charges you to have yourself and/or any dependents enrolled on the employer-sponsored benefits, your cost will automatically be deducted from your paycheck on a pre-tax basis.

Health FSA Component – includes the following account(s)

Maximum Election \$137.50 per pay period, \$3,300 annual

- You can use this account for healthcare expenses for you and your taxable dependents, including medical, dental, and vision expenses that are either not covered or only partially covered by your insurance plan.
- Your full election amount is available at the start of the plan year.
- When you have a qualified change in status—such as if you add or remove dependents from your insurance plan you can increase or decrease your election.

Health Related Expense Account (HRE) - the General Purpose FSA

- Eligible expenses include medical, dental, and vision expenses not paid for by insurance: copays, coinsurance, deductibles, etc.
- Over the count medicines and supplies are eligible, examples include pain relief and allergy medications, bandages, thermometers, etc. Some vitamins and supplements may be eligible with a Letter of Medical Necessity or doctor's prescription.

Limited-Purpose Flexible Spending Account (LFSA)

- This plan is available for employees, who they themselves or their family contribute to a health savings account (HSA).
- You can use this plan for eligible expenses including dental, vision and preventive medical care expenses.

Dependent Care Assistance Plan (DCAP) Component

Maximum Election \$208.33 per pay period, \$5,000 annual (\$2,500 annual max if married filing separately)

- You can use this account for childcare expenses for your tax dependents under 13 or disabled taxable dependent who is unable to care for themselves, including elder care expenses.
- This account is accrual-based, and reimbursements will be issued as funds are posted and claims received.
- When you have a qualified change in status—such as if your spouse's employment changes—you can increase or decrease how much you put into your account.

Claims Reimbursement

Reimbursement Time Frame

extension to incur expenses.

- o Dates of service must be between January 1, 2025 and December 31, 2025
- o Reimbursements may be requested during the plan year or after it ends.
- The last date to submit claims is March 31, 2026

Submitting Claims

Claims can be submitted through manual submission or enrolling in the EasyPay program. If you're reimbursed for a claim and it is later determined that the expense was not eligible for reimbursement, you will be liable for repaying the money to your FSA. Additional information is listed below.

Manual Claims

We offer several ways you can submit your claims for reimbursement:

- 1. Submit your claim online using our PSAConsumer portal: <u>https://psa.consumer.pacificsource.com</u>
- 2. Submit your claim via our Mobile App: myPacificSource Admin (PSA)
- 3. Mail or fax a Request for Reimbursement Form. You'll find the form at https://pacificsource.com/media/32811

EasyPay

EasyPay is a great option that will automatically reimburse you for eligible PacificSource Health Plans claims on your behalf. You must be enrolled in your employer's PacificSource insurance plan to be eligible for and enroll in EasyPay. If you or any dependents have coverage through another health plan other than your group-sponsored insurance plan through PacificSource, you are not eligible for EasyPay.

• To sign up, fill out and return the EasyPay Enrollment Form, available on our website.

Funds Remaining After the Plan Ends

If the plan year ends before you've used all of your Health FSA funds, you're allowed to have up to \$660 carry over to the next FSA plan year. If you have more than the \$660 remaining, you'll lose those additional funds, along with all other account balances. Carryover funds will be automatically rolled after the prior plan year and claims submission period ends. You may request an early roll by contacting Customer Service.

What Happens if I Terminate Employment during the Plan Year?

If you terminate employment or lose eligibility, your participation in the plan will end on the date your employment status changes or with your final payroll contribution – whichever offers the greater period of eligibility. You may be eligible to continue the Health FSA under COBRA or by making an additional pre-tax contribution out of your last paycheck.

Forms, Fliers and instructions

Available online. Examples include:

- o <u>Request for Reimbursement Form</u>
- o <u>Health FSA Eligible Expenses</u>
- o FSA Prepaid Benefits Card Flier
- o <u>Online Account Access for Participants</u>
- o FSA Participant Guide
- o Direct Deposit Form
- o <u>PSA Mobile App</u>
- o Authorization to Disclose PHI

Questions?

Our Customer Service Team is happy to help.

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