



Flex Spending Account

## UNIVERSAL BENEFIT ACCOUNT®

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#### What You Will Learn

- ✓ The tax advantages of pretax benefits
- ✓ Why participate?
- ✓ Features of each benefit account
- ✓ Availability of Funds
- ✓ How access your funds
- ✓ How to enroll/make changes Bentek Demo





## **Tax Advantaged Benefits**

#### Designed to save you money!

- Money in a spending account is never taxed
  - No federal income tax
  - No state income tax
  - No social security tax
- Every dollar contributed is pretax, reducing your taxable income and increasing your take-home pay



The more you contribute, the more you save

#### Why Participate in a Pretax Benefit?



#### $\bullet \bullet \bullet \bullet$

- Increase your take-home pay using pretax dollars for eligible expenses.
- Reduce your income taxes by an average of 30%.
- Offset the impact of rising healthcare costs.
- Each account is a FREE benefit to you, paid for by your employer.
- TASC offers easy-to-use tools and fast reimbursement options.

## HEALTH CARE SPENDING ACCOUNT

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## Health Care Spending Account (HCSA)

With rising healthcare costs, every penny counts!

- Annual Election: Set aside pretax dollars to be used toward eligible healthcare expenses throughout the plan year
  - Annual election must be within IRS maximum contribution limit
  - Applies to employee (self), spouse, and/or dependents
  - Maximum dependent age: 26
- 100% of annual election available on day one
- Use-it-or-Lose-it Rule applies
- **Carryover** option *(employer-elected)* 
  - Carry over unused funds (IRS limit applies) into next year
  - Only available for <u>Health Care Spending Account</u>

## **HCSA: Eligible Expenses**



- Copays and deductibles
- OTC drugs / medications
- Prescriptions/Rx
- Dental / orthodontia care
- Vision care
- Disability expenses
- Vaccinations
- Smoking cessation programs

#### Ineligible Expenses:

- Insurance premiums
- Cosmetic procedures
- Vitamins / supplements
- Diet products / food
- Health club fees
- Non-prescription glasses

## DEPENDENT CARE ADVANTAGE ACCOUNT

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#### Dependent Care Advantage Account (DCAA)

- Elect pretax dollars annually to pay for eligible dependent care expenses
- Grace Period: to March 15, 2024
- Money In, Money Out: Dependent Care funds are only available as they are contributed to the Plan via payroll.
- Dependent Qualifications:
  - Individual that regularly spends at least 8 hours a day in your home
  - Dependent care for children under age 13
  - Dependent who is physically or mentally incapable of self-care
  - Your daycare provider must claim your payments as income and pay tax
  - Review Dependent Care Qualifications Flyer for complete details



#### **DCAA: Eligible Expenses**





- Daycare expenses
- Before and after school care
- Nanny expenses
- Nursery school
- Registration fees
- Elder care

#### Ineligible Expenses:

- Tuition
- Transportation
- Activity fees / supplies
- Field trips
- Overnight camp



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## Adoption Advantage Assistance

## **Adoption Advantage Account**

- Elect pretax dollars annually to pay for expenses related to the adoption of an eligible child.
- Pre-tax deductions are not refundable
- Enroll or stop deductions within 60 days of starting or stopping adoption proceedings
- An eligible child must be under the age of 18
- Form 8839 must be filed with your Federal Income Tax Return
- Eligible Expenses:
  - Home study and application fees
  - Court Costs
  - Agency fees
  - Travel/lodging fees

- Reasonable and necessary legal adoption fees
- -Attorney fees
- -Medical services associated with a child with special needs
- -Other expenses directly related to a legal adoption

## **Availability of Funds**

• <u>HCSA Funds</u>: The total amount of your Healthcare FSA annual contribution is available to you at the **beginning** of the Plan Year

EXAMPLE: if your annual contribution is \$1,500 and you have a medical expense of \$500 during the first month of the plan, you would have access to the total amount of your annual contribution (\$1,500) to cover the \$500.

 DCAA & Adoption Advantage Funds: Available only as they are deducted from your paychecks (money-in, money-out)

*Note: Funds cannot crossover between each account type (e.g., HCSA funds cannot be used for dependent care expenses)* 

#### **3 Ways to Access Funds**

#### TASC Card (Benefits Debit Card)

#### Request a Reimbursement

#### Picture to Pay







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## TASC Card

- Immediate access to benefit account funds to pay for eligible expenses, acting like a debit card
- Mailed to your home upon enrollment
- Card is accepted for eligible expenses only
  - MyCash funds on card may be used for *any* purchase!
- Replaces the need for requesting a reimbursement
  - Keep your receipts in the event verification is required

Important Notes:

- TASC Card may <u>not</u> be used for expenses incurred in a prior plan year
- TASC Card may <u>not</u> be used to obtain "cash back" when making a purchase; benefit funds cannot be withdrawn via ATM
- If card is used for an ineligible expense, the amount will need to be paid back to your benefit account by submitting a check

## **TASC Card Features**

- Direct payment to provider or merchant from your funds
- No need to pay out-of-pocket and request a reimbursement
- Request one additional card for spouse/dependent at no cost
- Good for four years automatically reissued

#### MyCash account for reimbursed funds

- Access via TASC Card for any type of purchase
- Withdraw cash via ATM or transfer funds to bank account
- Funds deposited within 12 hours of request! Faster than bank deposit
- No expiration
- MyCash Manager online (view transactions, schedule a transfer)

## How to Request a Reimbursement

- Methods to Request a Reimb
  - Online via **tasconline.com** (sig
  - TASC mobile app (sign in to yc
    Easily attach verification/receipt
- Direct Deposit options
  - Into MyCash Account on TASC
  - Into personal bank account



#### **Picture to Pay via Mobile App**



#### Delegate payment of a bill to TASC

- Simply take a picture of the bill and submit it via the TASC mobile app
- TASC pays the bill from your appropriate benefit account
- Our intelligent system knows what to do from the submitted image.
- No paperwork or paying out of pocket.



# Submitting Verification

- Online Request: Complete a request online and upload your receipts/statements all at once! Upload receipts any time online to verify previous requests.
- <u>TASC Card Transactions</u>: Keep your receipts as some transactions may require verification.
- <u>Mobile App Requests</u>: You may submit a picture of the receipt as verification.

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