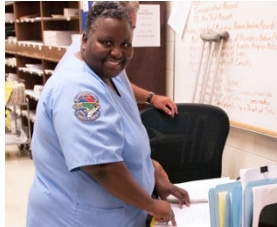
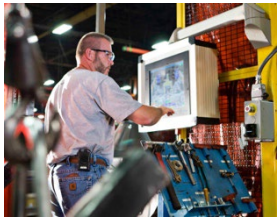




NORTH CAROLINA Office of *State Human Resources*



NCFlex Flexible Spending Accounts

May 2023

Agenda

- Flexible Spending Accounts explained
- Eligible expenses
- Viewing your account
- Filing claims/submitting documentation
- Continuation of coverage

Flexible Spending Accounts

- You set aside pretax dollars to pay for eligible expenses
 - Save 25% - 40% on taxes
- Deductions divided evenly among pay periods remaining once coverage begins
- Convenience card provided
- Outside of card, claims can be filed online, via paper form, or through mobile app – P&A Group
- Reimbursements are made by direct deposit
- **Re-enrollment required each year to continue contributions**

Health Care FSA

- Annual amount - \$2,850 for 2023
- \$570 roll over even if you do not re-enroll the following year
 - \$25 minimum to roll over
 - New year contributions used before rollover funds
- Expenses can be for yourself, your spouse, your dependent children or a qualifying relative
 - Family members DO NOT have to be on your medical, dental or vision plans
- Full election available immediately on effective date

Health Care FSA – Carry Forward (Roll Over)

- The plan allowed for up to \$570 to roll over, as long as you had a minimum balance of \$25.
- The rollover as well as anything above the \$570 can still be claimed for prior year expenses through the runout period.
- The runout period is March 31 and is the last day to file claims for the prior plan year.
- When viewing your account at ncflex.padmin.com or via the P&A Group Mobile app, your rollover will be on a separate line item from your current year account.
- If you have a new account for the new plan year, current year expenses will first pull from your current year money, then from your carry forward account.

Health Care FSA – Carry Forward (Roll Over)

- If you do not have a current year account or if you deplete your current year account, rollover funds will be available after the runout period.
 - What this means is your card will not pull anything from your rollover until after March 31. If you have claims prior to this date in the current year that need to be reimbursed by the carry forward account, claims can be filed manually after March 31, retro back to January 1.
 - The purpose of this "hold" is to allow time to still file claims for the prior year on the rollover money.
- Once rollover money becomes available, it can be used for expenses dated 1/1 - 12/31 of the plan year.
- At the end of the plan year, money will be combined from your current year account and your carry forward account (money rolled from prior year) to be considered for roll over.

Health Care FSA

- Eligible expense examples
 - Out-of-pocket medical, dental, and vision expenses (Explanation of Benefits may be required to be submitted) such as deductibles, coinsurance, co-pays, and other items not covered by insurance.
 - Drugs — prescription co-pays, over-the-counter medicines
 - Everyday health products like contact lens solution, bandages, hot and cold packs, sunscreen SPF 15+
- Eligible expenses that require a letter of medical necessity
 - Weight loss programs
 - Vitamins and supplements
 - Massage Therapy
- Ineligible expense examples
 - Insurance premiums, elective cosmetic procedures
- More examples can be found on our website, www.ncflex.org, in the FSA section

Health Care FSA

National Website: FSASStore.com

- Online store that has over 4,000 FSA eligible products
- Easily identify products that do not require a prescription or letter of medical necessity
- Pay with FSA card
- Free shipping offers and FSASStore coupons
- Tool available to look up items that are eligible

You can also use the convenience card at other online retailers, if accepted.

Health Care FSA

Example of Tax Savings When Using an FSA

Annual Savings Example	With FSA	Without FSA
Annual Income	\$50,000	\$50,000
Annual Pre-Tax FSA Contribution	- \$2,000	- \$0
Annual Taxable Income	= \$48,000	= \$50,000
Annual Tax Withholdings (approximately 30% of the annual taxable income)	\$14,400	\$15,000
Total Annual Savings (approximately \$300 for every \$1,000 withheld in the FSA per year)	\$600	\$0

Dependent Day Care FSA

- \$5,000 account maximum for most employees (per household)
- Funds available **via convenience card** once payroll deducted
 - Same card as HCFSA
- Both parents must work to participate (or be a full-time student or looking for a full-time job)
- **Reimbursement is limited to your available account balance**
- Special rules for separated/divorced employees
- Prior year contributions used FIRST for current year claims, if still within grace period (different from HCFSA)
- Claims for reimbursement can be made for qualifying family members (not only children)
- A grace period applies to this plan – giving you more time to use the funds
- You should contact a tax professional with questions related to their specific situation

Dependent Day Care FSA

- Eligible expense examples
 - Child day care for children under 13
 - Before/after-school care beginning with kindergarten for children under age 13
 - Payments (in lieu of regular day care) to day camps, but not overnight camps
 - Day Care expenses for a qualifying child of any age, spouse, or other dependent, who is physically or mentally incapable of caring for himself or herself (guide has additional details)
- Ineligible expense examples
 - Kindergarten tuition expenses
 - Overnight camps or virtual camps
- More examples can be found in the guide
- If account is cancelled – can use funds for expense incurred past separation date, unlike HCFSA

Dependent Day Care FSA

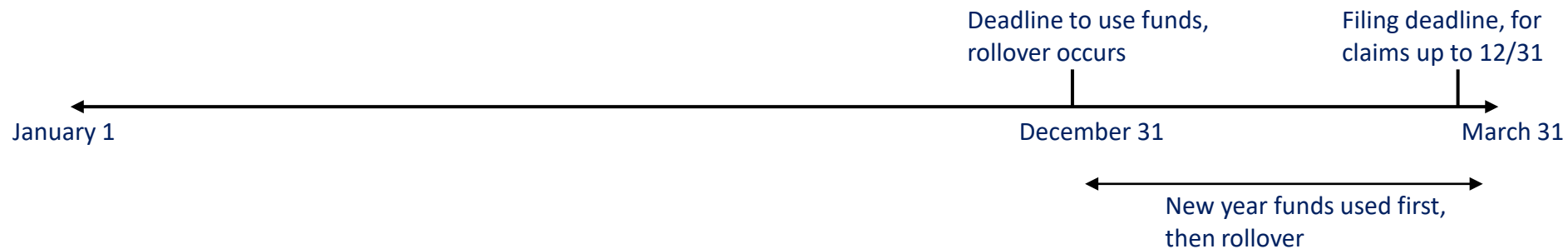
Example of Tax Savings When Using a DDCFSA

Without DDCFSA		With DDCFSA	
Gross Annual Pay	\$50,000	Gross Annual Pay	\$50,000
Tax Rate (30%)	-\$15,000	Max. Annual Dependent Care FSA Contribution	- \$5,000
Net Annual Pay	= \$35,000	Adjusted Gross Pay	= \$45,000
Annual Dependent Care Expenses	- \$5,000	Tax Rate (30%)	- \$13,500
Final Take-Home Pay	= \$30,000	Final Take-Home Pay	= \$31,500
Take home this much more when a DDCFSA is used			\$1,500

FSA Comparison Recap

Health Care FSA

- \$2850 per person all available on start date, \$570 rollover applies



Dependent Day Care FSA

- \$5000 per family available after payroll deduction, grace period applies



NCFlex Convenience Card

- Use the card to pay for **eligible** DDCFSA expenses and **eligible** HCFSA expenses
- Cards issued at no cost to participants
 - Cards are good for 3 years from date of issue (date on card)
 - P&A will automatically re-order
- Use like a credit card – no PIN required
- No reimbursement delays or out-of-pocket expenses
- If you are contacted by P&A for documentation, you have approximately 45 days to submit
- No additional charge for dependent or replacement cards
- Report lost or stolen card immediately to P&A Group

FSA – General Reminders

- You cannot pre-pay for services
- You **cannot** use current year contributions for prior year expenses
 - **Your account will be frozen if this occurs**
- Changes can only be made to these plans in the middle of the year with a valid life event
 - HCFSA: Marriage, birth, adoption, death of a dependent, divorce
 - DDCFSA: Day care change such as stop, start, change in costs

FSA – Continuation after Employment

- **DDCFSA**: If you leave employment (retire, separate, etc.) you cannot continue the DDCFSA, but can use funds you have contributed for expenses incurred up through the end of the plan year.
- **HCFSA**: If you leave employment:
 - Any money used above what you put in does not have to be paid back
 - Any money not used from what you put in is lost unless you COBRA the plan
 - COBRA is a continuation of benefits after separation, paid to the vendor
 - Can go through the end of the plan year and includes a 2% fee
- If you are retiring January 1st, choose COBRA if you have rollover, no more money is owed, and you can use your rollover for up to 18 months.

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Viewing Your Account Online

MY BENEFITS SUMMARY

Below is a summary of your employee benefit plan(s). For details on a plan such as completed transactions or claim information please click Show/Hide Plan Details. You may also perform different actions for each plan by selecting an action from the 'Choose an action' drop down menus.

FSA

-- Choose an action --

Get the most out of your FSA. Visit [FSA Store](#) and save \$10 with checkout code "PAS1". Limit one use per customer.

Please note: Participants enrolled in a Limited Health FSA are not permitted to use their account to purchase OTC items per IRS regulations except for eligible expenses limited to vision and dental, such as contact lens solution or eyeglasses and eyeglass supplies.

Plan Summary

Plan ID: NCFLEX23	Election amount: \$1,000.08
Plan type: HEALTH FSA	Available funds: \$371.76
Plan year start date: 01/01/2023	Amount contributed: \$375.03
Plan year end date: 12/31/2023	Total of claims submitted: \$628.32
Final date to submit claims: 03/31/2024	Total of claims paid: \$628.32
Status: Active	

Show/Hide Account Details

-- Choose an action --

-- Choose an action --

- Report lost/stolen card
- Request a new card
- View claim form
- Print/Email account details
- Download account details
- Debit Card PIN Information

Viewing Your Account Online

CRYFRWD -- Choose an action --

Plan Summary

Plan ID: NCFLEX23	Election amount: \$491.41
Plan type: HEALTH FSA CARRYFORWARD ACCT	Available funds: \$491.41
Plan year start date: 01/01/2023	Amount contributed: \$491.41
Plan year end date: 12/31/2023	Total of claims submitted: \$0.00
Final date to submit claims: 03/31/2024	Total of claims paid: \$0.00
Status: Active	

[Show/Hide Account Details](#)

FSA -- Choose an action --

Plan Summary

Plan ID: NCFLEX22	Election amount: \$1,008.59
Plan type: HEALTH FSA	Available funds: \$0.00
Plan year start date: 01/01/2022	Amount contributed: \$1,008.59
Plan year end date: 12/31/2022	Total of claims submitted: \$1,008.59
Final date to submit claims: 03/31/2023	Total of claims paid: \$1,008.59
Status: Inactive	

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Viewing Your Account Online

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-- Choose an action --

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Plan Summary

Plan ID: NCFLEX23	Election amount: \$4,999.92
Plan type: DEPENDENT DAYCARE ASSISTANCE	Available funds: \$762.64
Plan year start date: 01/01/2023	Amount contributed: \$1,666.64
Plan year end date: 03/15/2024	Total of claims submitted: \$904.00
Final date to submit claims: 03/31/2024	Total of claims paid: \$904.00
Status: Active	

Show/Hide Account Details

Viewing Your Account Online

Quick Links

- > Benefits Card Order Form
- > Claim Form
- > Contact Us
- > HIPAA/Info Release
- > Modify Profile Information
- > Track a Fax/Claim
- > Upload Claim/Documentation



SELECT UPLOAD TYPE

New Claim

Claim Response

Debit Card
Documentation

Important: selecting the wrong claim type or document submission may result in processing delays.

Submitting Claims

- You can submit online [from a computer](#) or [mobile device](#) at ncflex.padmin.com
- You can [submit via mobile app](#) – search P&A Group in Google Play or App Store
- Make sure to have copy of receipt or invoice, dates of service or purchase, amount of claim, and Tax ID if DDCFSA claim
- If using the convenience card, no documentation is required unless requested by P&A Group
 - You will be contacted 3 times and have up to 60 days to submit

P&A FSA Mobile Pay and Scan

- Allows payment for eligible FSA expenses digitally, through your mobile devices
- How Mobile Pay works
 - Open your digital wallet (Apple Pay, Google Pay, or Samsung Pay)
 - Enter your Convenience Card details
 - Accept the Terms and Conditions
 - Complete the authentication process, as prompted
 - Begin using your digital wallet to pay for eligible expenses
- [Informational Flyer](#) available at NCFlex.org

P&A Account Access and Info

- ncflex.padmin.com or P&A Group mobile app
 - View your account, order new card or card for dependents over 18
 - Upload claims or supporting documentation
- 1-866-916-3475
 - Contact P&A Group directly
 - Order new card or card for dependents over 18
 - General inquiries or reset password for account online
- FSA section of ncflex.org
 - Claim form and how to submit claims
 - Eligible items list for HCFSA
 - Letter of medical necessity

Wrap Up

Have questions for NCFlex?

- Reach out to us on our website, at the bottom of most pages there is an option to connect.
- Email us directly at ncflex@nc.gov

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