

# DEPENDENT DAY CARE FSA ELIGIBLE EXPENSES

Once you have contributed money into your Dependent Day Care Flexible Spending Account (FSA), you can use it to pay for eligible expenses tax free.

Below is a partial list of eligible expenses that are reimbursable through a Dependent Day Care FSA. For more information, see your Employee Reimbursement Account (ERA) Participant Guide. For the complete list of eligible and ineligible expenses, visit <a href="https://www.IRS.gov">www.IRS.gov</a> and see IRS Publications 503.

#### **Eligible Expenses**

- Adult daycare
- After-school care/program<sup>2</sup>
- Au pair/nanny salary and fees
- Babysitting in your home/someone else's home¹
- Babysitting by your relative who is not a tax dependent <sup>1</sup>
- Before-school care/program<sup>2</sup>
- Care when one parent works days and other parent works nights<sup>1</sup>
- Care while living in a foreign county<sup>1</sup>
- Care while looking for work
- Care while on family, personal or medical leave
- Care while you/spouse is working at selfemployment<sup>1</sup>
- Child daycare or day camp<sup>2</sup>
- Custodial elder care<sup>1</sup>
- Day nursing care<sup>1</sup>

- Employer-provided on-site daycare<sup>2</sup>
- Federal employment taxes (FICA, FUTA) of Dependent Day Care provider
- Household services related to dependent care
- In-home care<sup>1</sup>
- Nighttime care<sup>1</sup>
- Nursery school fees or tuition
- Payroll taxes related to eligible dependent care
- Preschool fees or tuition
- Room and board for caregiver (au pair, nanny, etc.)
- Senior daycare<sup>1</sup>
- Sick child care<sup>1</sup>
- Specialized daycare
- Transportation to and from eligible dependent care (provided by the care provider)
- 1: Care must be work-related. Restrictions may apply. See IRS Publication 503 for more details.
- 2: Primary purpose must be custodial care, and not educational in nature. See IRS Publication 503 for more details.

### **Ineligible Dependent Day Care FSA Expenses**

Note: If you pay for anything other than eligible expenses with your Dependent Day Care FSA, the amount will be taxable, and you will be required to repay the amount or pay an additional 20 percent tax penalty. Below is a partial list of ineligible expenses. For more information, see your ERA Participant Guide at <a href="https://partners.tasconline.com/ETFEmployee">https://partners.tasconline.com/ETFEmployee</a> For the complete list of eligible and ineligible expenses, visit <a href="https://www.IRS.gov">www.IRS.gov</a> and see IRS Publications 503.

- Child care while performing volunteer work
- Educational, learning, or study skills services
- Field trips or sleep-away camp
- Household services (housekeeper, cook, etc.)
- Kindergarten/school tuition
- Meals, food or snacks
- Medical care or expenses
- Nursing home care for dependent adult(s)
- Summer school

#### What is an eligible expense?

An eligible expense is a dependent care expense that the IRS states can be paid for without taxes.

## How should I keep track of my eligible expenses?

You should keep all of your receipts and pertinent documentation in order to prove your Dependent Day Care FSA was used for eligible dependent care expenses.



