Dependent Care FSA [1]

Administered by ASI Flex, a Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account (DCFSA) allows you to save between 25% to 40% on the cost of child care or day care for children 13 and under, and for homecare for an older or incapable dependent while you are at work or school.

IRS contribution [Contribution] In reference to Flexible Spending Accounts and Health Savings Accounts, it’s the amount of money that you elect to be deducted from your paycheck to be deposited into your FSA or HSA account. [2] limit: $5,000 per household for the 2020-2021 plan year and the 2021-2022 plan year.

Plan Year (July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022)

- You must incur the qualifying expense between July 1, 2021 and Sept. 15, 2022.
- Claims [Claim] A written request such as a reimbursement of a health care expense made by you or your health care provider to the plan administrator whether is medical, dental, vision or a flexible spending account. [3] for reimbursement must be submitted by Nov. 15, 2022.
- If you do not use all of your funds within the FSA, the remaining amount will be forfeited.

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Determine your contributions
FSA (Flexible Spending Account) A tax-savings account set up by you to pay for certain qualifying expenses on a pre-tax basis, meaning before they are made subject to payroll taxes. In reference to Flexible Spending Accounts and Health Savings Accounts, it’s the amount of money that you elect to be deducted from your paycheck to be deposited into your FSA or HSA account. Contributions start on July 1, the first day of the plan year. Contributions end on June 30, but you’ll have until Sept. 15 to spend your money.
DCFSA Basics

- Our DCFSA (Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account) is used to pay for childcare expenses for children under the age of 13 or qualifying adults, who cannot care for themselves and meet IRS guidelines. [10] It is administered by ASIFlex [11].
- This account is regulated by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) [12], who determines contribution limits, qualifying expenses [13] and has designated it as a “use it or lose it” account. [14]
- The IRS allows these expenses to enable you to work. If you are married, your spouse must be working, looking for work or be a full-time student. If you have a stay-at-home spouse, you should not enroll in the DCFSA. [10] It became effective on your benefits eligibility date if you are a new hire or July 1, if enrolled during Open Enrollment. [15]
- Your DCFSA is used to pay for childcare expenses for children under the age of 13 or qualifying adults, who cannot care for themselves and meet IRS guidelines. [10] Your contributions do not rollover year after year. You must re-enroll every year, during Open Enrollment Period. The period during which an eligible employee may enroll in, change or cancel CU benefits plans. This event is held every spring, with an effective date of July 1. [16]
- DCFSA Contributions
- Your pretax contributions can be a minimum of $10 per month up to an annual maximum of $5,000 per plan year (July 1 to June 30) per household. The money is deducted from your pay pretax.
- The amount you elect will be divided by the number of remaining pay periods in the plan year. Your final contribution will be June 30.
- Your election is fixed for the plan year however, changes are permitted if you experience a qualifying life change.
- For tax purposes, you are responsible ensuring that your total calendar-year contributions do not exceed $5,000 per Household. For example, if you are hired by CU in the middle of our plan year and have contributed to a DCFSA, you should not enroll in a new DCFSA for the remainder of the plan year.
with your prior employer, you must keep track of the total contribution amount.

**Spending DCFSA Funds**

- Funds in the account must be utilized on qualifying dependent care expenses, or you will pay both taxes and penalties.
- Expenses qualify for the DCFSA (Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account) when paid for childcare expenses for children under the age of 13 or qualifying adults, who cannot care for themselves and meet IRS guidelines, when they are incurred.
- To get reimbursed, submit your receipt for services on-line at www.asiflex.com or you can download the free mobile app for Android and Apple devices.

**Use it or Lose it Accounts**

Failure to incur the expense and claim the reimbursement by the deadline will result in the forfeiting of your funds.

- Plan year 2021-2022: You must incur expenses from July 1, 2021 to Sept. 15, 2022 and claim the money by Nov. 15, 2022.
- Any funds that remain in the account beyond the above deadlines will be forfeited.

**Effect on Social Security**

Cafeteria plan Cafeteria Plan A plan that meets the requirements of IRS Code Section 125 and offers participating employees certain non-taxable benefits, such as the Premium Only Plan and flexible spending accounts dollars are deducted from your pay pretax, meaning before federal, state, Social Security and Medicare taxes are paid. Participating in cafeteria plans reduces the salary on which annual contributions to Social Security are calculated, which may result in a reduction of the Social Security benefits received at retirement.

Review the FSA plan document.

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