

# STATE OF INDIANA

## 2023 Flexible Benefit Plan Guide



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## INTRODUCTION

A Flexible Spending Account (FSA) is an employer-sponsored plan that lets you deduct dollars from your paycheck before they are taxed and put them into a special account.

FSA accounts are exempt from federal income taxes, Social Security (FICA) taxes and, in most cases, state income taxes. FSA participation will impact earnings reported to the Social Security Administration. In accordance with Internal Revenue Code Section 125, allowable premiums for health, dental and vision insurance are currently taken on a pre-tax basis. The more money you put in, the more tax you avoid. When you use the money in your account to pay for out-of-pocket family care expenses, you avoid paying taxes on those dollars. Depending on your tax bracket, you will save as much as 25% on out-of-pocket family care expenses.

Flexible Spending Accounts offer tax savings for your out-of-pocket medical and dependent care expenses. Most people save as much as 25% on each dollar that is set aside.



### How does the FSA work?

When you enroll in the FSA plan, you estimate the amount of health and dependent care expenses you expect to incur during the plan year. You have that amount deducted from your paychecks in equal amounts throughout the year. Although your actual salary remains the same, your taxable salary as reported to the government is reduced by the amount you put into your FSA.

After you enroll in the FSA, ASIFlex will send you a confirmation of your enrollment. As you incur eligible expenses throughout the plan year, you submit a claim along with documentation of the expense to be reimbursed with funds from your FSA account. You are not taxed on these reimbursements. After each claim, you will receive an account summary.

You can submit claims in a variety of ways, and you do not have to choose only one method. You can use a variety of submission methods during the year. You will have the following options:

- ASIFlex Online – Just go to [asiflex.com](https://asiflex.com) and sign into your account. Scan your documentation and submit the claim.
- ASIFlex Mobile App – Just snap a picture of your itemized statement of services and submit via the mobile app for fast reimbursement! You can do this right from your provider's office!
- Manual Submission – Download a claim form from [asiflex.com](https://asiflex.com) and submit with your documentation by toll-free fax or by USPS mail.

Federal rules state that you will only be able to be reimbursed for expenses you incur during the plan year, which runs from January 1, 2023 - December 31, 2023, and the accompanying FSA grace period which runs from January 1, 2024 - March 15, 2024. **Plan rules also state that if you do not use all of the money in your account, unused funds will be forfeited to the State.**

You can only change your election during the plan year as a result of a qualifying event. Also, your Social Security benefits calculations will be based on your lower taxable earnings figures. (You can check with your local Social Security office to explore any effects this may have on your benefits – which are usually very minor.) **The State of Indiana may require, at any time, employees to amend their Plan Year elections in order to maintain qualified status under the Plan.**

The State of Indiana has contracted with ASIFlex to perform certain administrative functions for the Plan. ASIFlex processes all claims for the Health FSA, the Limited Purpose FSA and the Dependent Care FSA. If you have any questions concerning claims, please contact ASIFlex, P. O. Box 6044, Columbia, MO 65205, 800-659-3035, email: [asi@asiflex.com](mailto:asi@asiflex.com), or on-line at [asiflex.com](https://asiflex.com).

## ENROLLMENT

### 2023 Enrollment Action Checklist

- **READ** your 2023 FSA Benefits information in this booklet.
- **PLAN** your out-of-pocket health and dependent care expenses for January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023.
- **ENROLL** in the FSA plan for 2023 by visiting <https://hr.gmis.in.gov/psp/hrprd/?cmd=login&languageCd=ENG>.

### Important Reminders

- Open Enrollment is the **ONLY** time during the year you can enroll in Flexible Spending, unless you experience a qualifying event (see below).
- Enrollment is **REQUIRED EACH YEAR** during Open Enrollment if you wish to continue your participation in Flexible Spending.
- FSA elections are irrevocable for the Plan Year. You may only change your election during the plan year if you, your spouse, or a dependent experience a qualifying event **AND** your desired election change corresponds with that event.
- Claims must be filed by **June 15th** following the end of the Plan Year. There are no exceptions to this rule. After that, your account will be closed and any balance remaining will be forfeited to the State of Indiana in accordance with federal regulations.

**Eligibility:** All Active State Employees who are benefit eligible\*; and have been employed by the State of Indiana for 1 or more days, counting the employment commencement date as the first day.

*\* NOTE: If an Employee, the spouse of an Employee, or anyone else on behalf of the Employee contributes to a Health Savings Account (HSA) owned by either the Employee or the Employee's spouse, the Employee is not eligible to enroll in a health care Flexible Spending Account (FSA), unless it is a limited purpose FSA as outlined in IRS Publication 969. The State of Indiana offers a Limited Purpose FSA.*

**The Plan Year** is the twelve-month period from January 1 through December 31 of the same calendar year.

**New Employee Enrollment.** Benefit eligible employees may enroll by the Monday following the pay period of his or her hire date. Coverage is effective the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) day following the first applicable payroll deduction taken from the employee's paycheck or the first (1<sup>st</sup>) day of the following month for those on direct bill. You may enroll online through PeopleSoft at <https://hr.gmis.in.gov/psp/hrprd/?cmd=login&languageCd=ENG>. If you fail to enroll within the time period described above, then you may not elect to participate in the Plan until the next Open Enrollment Period or until a qualifying event occurs that would justify a mid-year election change.

**Enrollment during Open Enrollment.** Open enrollment for the 2023 Plan Year will be held **October 26, 2022 through November 16, 2022 at Noon ET**. You may enroll online during open enrollment each year for the upcoming Plan Year. If you fail to enroll within the time period described above, then you may not elect to participate in the Plan until the next Open Enrollment Period or until a qualifying event occurs that would justify a mid-year election change.

**Enrollment during the Plan Year.** You may enroll during the plan year **ONLY** if you experience a qualifying event and the enrollment corresponds with a change in eligibility caused by that event. See the **Making a Change Section** for more information. The Health FSA and the Limited Purpose FSA plans have slightly different rules regarding making an election change or enrolling mid-year than the Dependent Care FSA.

## MAKING A CHANGE

**Except as specified in this section, your election under the Plan is irrevocable for the Plan Year. It is the employee's responsibility to request a change by calling the Benefits Hotline at 317-232-1167 or toll free at 877-248-0007 (State Police employees and Conservation & Excise Officers should contact their Human Resources Department). The election change request must be filed within 30 days of the date of the qualifying event and becomes effective on the 4<sup>th</sup> day following the date of the first applicable payroll deduction or the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the following month for those on direct bill. Requests received after 30 days will not be approved.**

You may change your election if you, your spouse, or a dependent experience an event listed below which results in a gain or loss of eligibility for coverage under the State of Indiana Health FSA, Limited Purpose FSA or Dependent Care FSA plans or a similar plan maintained by your spouse's employer or one of your dependent's employer and **your desired election change corresponds with that gain or loss of coverage**. Changes are only allowed if one of the specific events listed below has occurred that caused the needed change in your account. Otherwise, your election is effective through the end of the plan year.

### **Events 1 - 3 apply to the Health FSA, the Limited Purpose FSA and the Dependent Care FSA.**

1. Your legal marital status changes through marriage, divorce, death or annulment.
2. Your number of dependents changes by reason of birth, adoption (or placement for adoption), or death. If your child no longer qualifies for dependent care because he or she turned 13, then that is a loss of a dependent under the Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account Plan, but not under any of the other plans.
3. You, your spouse or any of your dependents have a change in employment status (termination, retirement, new employment, change from part time to full time or vice versa) **that affects eligibility**, the Health FSA, Limited Purpose FSA or the Dependent Care FSA with the State of Indiana or a plan maintained by your spouse's or any dependent's employer. Please see page 5 for specifics related to termination of employment from the State of Indiana.

### **Events 4 - 6 apply to the Health FSA and the Limited Purpose FSA, but not the Dependent Care FSA.**

4. You are served with a judgment, decree or court order, including a qualified medical child support order regarding coverage for a dependent. If the order requires you to pay for medical expenses not paid by insurance for a dependent child, then you may add or increase coverage under the Health FSA or Limited Purpose FSA. If the order requires that another person pay for medical expenses not paid by insurance for the dependent child, then you may drop or reduce coverage under the Health FSA or Limited Purpose FSA.
5. If you, your spouse or a dependent becomes entitled to and covered under Medicare or Medicaid, you may **drop or reduce coverage** under the Health FSA or Limited Purpose FSA.
6. If you, your spouse or a dependent loses eligibility and coverage under Medicare or Medicaid, you may **add or increase coverage** under the Health FSA or Limited Purpose FSA.

### **Events 7 - 8 apply only to the Dependent Care FSA.**

7. You change dependent care providers (including school or other free provider). You may make a corresponding change to your Dependent Care FSA and your future salary reductions if you change dependent care providers.
8. You may make a corresponding change to your Dependent Care FSA and your future salary reductions if your dependent care provider who is not your relative changes your costs

significantly. A relative is any person who is a relative according to Code §152(a)(1) through (8), incorporating the rules of Code §152(b)(1) and (2).

**Your Salary Reduction** amount for a pay period is, an amount equal to the annual contribution for your FSA election, divided by the number of pay periods in the Plan Year following your effective date. If you increase an election under the Health FSA, Limited Purpose FSA or Dependent Care FSA, your salary reductions per pay period will be an amount equal to your new reimbursement limit elected less the salary reductions made prior to such election change, divided by the number of pay periods remaining in the Plan Year beginning with the election change effective date.

Any increase in your election may include only those expenses that are incurred during the period of coverage on or after the effective date of the increase. Your coverage for the remaining period of the year shall be calculated by adding the amount of contributions made prior to the change to the expected contributions after the effective date of the change and subtracting prior reimbursements.

## TERMINATION/RETIREMENT

**Termination of participation.** Your participation will end on the date in which you cease to be an Active Employee because of Retirement, Termination of Employment, Layoff, Reduction in Hours, or any other reason. Except as specified in the section on Coverage Continuation (COBRA), **health, dental and vision expenses incurred while you are not a participant will not qualify for reimbursement.** Participation in the Health FSA or Limited Purpose FSA ends on the day of termination or retirement. You may continue to file for Dependent Care expenses incurred during the Plan Year after the end of your participation.

Should you return to work as an eligible employee within the same Plan Year, you will be treated as a new hire. You have until the Monday following the pay period in which you are rehired during the same Plan Year to make a new election for the remainder of the Plan Year (not to exceed the annual plan maximum).

Your participation will also end at the end of the expiration of the Period of Coverage, if the Plan is terminated, or if you file a false or fraudulent claim for benefits.

**Coverage Continuation (COBRA).** To the extent required by COBRA, a participant or his/her spouse or dependent may elect to continue the coverage elected under the Health FSA or Limited Purpose FSA even though the participant's or his/her spouse's or dependent's election to receive benefits expired or was terminated, under the following circumstances:

- 1) Death of the participant;
- 2) Termination (other than for gross misconduct) or a reduction in hours;
- 3) After retirement;
- 4) Divorce of the participant; or
- 5) A dependent child ceases to be a dependent under the terms of this plan.

When the Plan is notified that one of the above events has occurred, the right to choose **continuation coverage** will be provided to each eligible person(s) if, **on the date of the qualifying event, the participant's remaining benefits for the current Plan Year are greater than the participant's remaining contribution payments.** The right to elect to continue ends **60 days** from the date the notice of the right to continue coverage is provided by the Administrator. It is the responsibility of the participant or a responsible family member to inform the Benefits Hotline at 317-232-1167 or toll free at 877-248-0007 (State Police employees and Conservation & Excise Officers should contact their Human Resources Department) of the occurrence of an event described in bullet points 4 or 5 above.



Continuation coverage will not extend beyond the end of the current Plan Year but may terminate earlier if the premiums are not paid within 30 days of their due dates. **Payments for expenses incurred during any period of continuation shall not be made until the contributions for that period are received by the Administrator.** An administrative charge of 2% is assessed for each premium paid for continuation coverage.

**Participants on Leave.** To maintain Health FSA or Limited Purpose FSA coverage, you must make arrangements and make payments while you are on leave. If you have not made such arrangements or fail to make such payments while on leave, the election and corresponding coverage will be revoked (effective on the last day worked). Once your coverage is revoked, your ASIFlex Card will be immediately suspended.

A new election may be made within 30 days of return to work, effective for coverage the 4<sup>th</sup> day following the first applicable payroll deduction or the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the following month for those on direct bill. However, no coverage will exist for months in which no contributions were made.

Dependent Care expenses are not eligible for reimbursement during a leave. Because of this, you may choose to have your deductions stopped prior to going on a period of leave. When you return to work, you will have 30 days to reenroll in coverage.



It is the responsibility of the Employee to ensure arrangements and payments are made during a leave in order for Health FSA or Limited Purpose FSA coverage to continue during the leave. **Once your coverage is revoked, your ASIFlex Card will be immediately suspended.**

**Health FSA and Limited Purpose FSA Participants called to Active Duty in the middle of the plan year.** If you are a military reservist who is called to active duty for at least 180 days and are a Health FSA or Limited Purpose FSA participant, you may request a Qualified Reservist Distribution (QRD) to access funds that might otherwise be forfeited. Requesting a QRD will allow you to access funds you have set aside in your Health FSA or Limited Purpose FSA without incurring eligible expenses to seek reimbursement. If you request a QRD, the Plan will pay you the amount contributed to the Health FSA or Limited Purpose FSA, as of the date of the QRD request, minus any reimbursements received as of the date of the request. QRDs are subject to employment taxes and will be included in your gross income and wages. A QRD will be reported as wages on your W-2 for the year in which the QRD is paid.

Once you request a QRD, you will forego the right to claim any additional expenses incurred while you were an active State employee. However, if you return from your military leave and re-enroll in the State of Indiana's FSA program during the same plan year, you may claim expenses incurred during your NEW period of coverage. All requests for a QRD must be submitted by the end of the FSA grace period (March 15<sup>th</sup>) following the close of the previous plan year. **For example**, if you would like to submit a request for a QRD for the 2023 plan year, you must submit this request no later than March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

If you have questions about electing to receive a QRD, please contact your Human Resources Office for additional details.

## ESTABLISHING AND USING YOUR HEALTH FSA OR LIMITED PURPOSE FSA

**Differences between the Health FSA and the Limited Purpose FSA** – The Limited Purpose FSA works in conjunction with a Health Savings Account (HSA). You and/or our spouse cannot make or receive contributions to an HSA if you have a health FSA – unless it is a Limited Purpose FSA. The Limited Purpose FSA allows you to set aside money on a tax-free basis to use for:

- Dental expenses (not premiums);
- Vision expenses (not premiums);
- Preventive care expenses; and
- Qualified health care expense after the minimum deductible for a qualified HDHP is met (\$1,500 for single and \$3,000 for family, per federal guidelines).

Using the money in your Limited Purpose FSA allows you to maximize your tax savings, use the FSA funds to pay your immediate expenses and allow your HSA funds to grow and earn interest.

**Estimate your family's annual out-of-pocket health care expenses.** You may include expenses for anyone who is a qualified dependent for tax purposes. (There are exceptions for the expenses of children of divorced parents. Please review IRS Publication 502 at [www.asiflex.com](http://www.asiflex.com), or consult with your personal tax advisor for further information.) When calculating your annual election, include predictable expenses only.

**2023 Plan Year Maximum \$2,850.00**

The Affordable Care Act states that an individual is not allowed to have more than the federal maximum per plan year allocated to a Health FSA. If you have a spouse who has access to a Health FSA through his/her employer, you may each set aside up to the maximum through your respective employers.

**Qualifying Health Care Expenses include all medical, dental and vision expenses** not covered or not reimbursed by insurance which are **incurred by you or your eligible dependent (definition available at [asiflex.com](http://asiflex.com)) during the Plan Year or Grace Period** for health care as defined in Section 213(d) of the Internal Revenue Code. Please refer to the following list, or the Eligible Expenses Listing and IRS Publication 502 (available at [asiflex.com](http://asiflex.com)) for further details on qualifying expenses. **Expenses qualify for the Health FSA based on when they are incurred, not when they are paid. Federal regulations do not allow any insurance premiums or long-term care expenses to be included under the FSA.** Please review the eligible expense listing at [asiflex.com](http://asiflex.com), or contact ASIFlex at [asi@asiflex.com](mailto:asi@asiflex.com) or (800) 659-3035 if you have any questions regarding particular expenses.

**Keep in mind that the Limited Purpose FSA only covers the following expenses:**

- **Dental services or treatments;**
- **Vision services or treatments;**
- **Preventive care services (limited to diagnostic procedures and services or treatments taken to prevent the onset of a disease or condition that is imminently possible – does not include services or treatments for an existing condition) ; and**
- **Health services or treatments after the minimum deductible for a qualified HDHP has been met (\$1,500 for single coverage; \$3,000 for family coverage).**



**Below is a partial listing of qualified health care expenses.** Expenses can only be claimed based on the date incurred regardless of the date you are billed or pay for the expense.

- Deductibles
- Co-pays/co-insurance
- Dental expenses
- Vision care expenses
- Prescription glasses
- Feminine hygiene products
- Contact lenses and solutions
- Corrective eye surgery
- Prescription drugs
- Chiropractor's fees
- Over-the-Counter (OTC) drugs and medicines (**no** prescription necessary)
- OTC health care products such as bandages, sunscreen, first aid kits, diagnostic tests, etc.
- Insulin
- Orthodontia/braces (See details on page 8)
- Routine physicals
- Hearing aids including batteries
- Transportation expenses related to seeking health care
- Medical equipment

<b>FSA <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OTC PRODUCTS</b>
Bandages, Band-Aids
Feminine hygiene products and supplies
Breast pumps
Nose saline spray/drops, nasal aspirator, medicine dropper, ear syringe, etc.
Diabetic supplies, insulin, glucose monitor, testing strips, syringes, sharps containers, diabetic cases/coolers
Denture adhesives
Eye care, reading glasses, contact lens cleaners/storage kits, eye patches
Family planning, condoms, contraceptive creams, fertility monitors, ovulation prediction kits
First aid kits, first aid supplies
Glucosamine, arthritis formula
Hearing aids, batteries
Incontinence supplies, adult diapers, pads, absorbent underpads
Joint support bandages/braces, wrist, hand, neck, elbow, knee, ankle, etc.
Medic-alert bracelets or necklaces
Medical equipment and repair; crutches, canes, walkers, wheelchairs
Medical monitoring/testing devices, blood pressure monitors, blood glucose testing kits, cholesterol test kits, colorectal cancer test kits, etc.
Orthopedic and surgical supports, aqua casts, splints
Ostomy products, catheters
Pill holders, pill splitters
Prenatal vitamins
Sunscreen, SPF15 and higher
Vaporizers, humidifiers, thermometers

**FSA**  Most drug stores now have online stores where you can shop for eligible FSA products. Go to [asiflex.com](https://www.asiflex.com) and click on the FSA Store banner for comprehensive listings of OTC products as well as medicines.

**FSARx**  OTC *drugs and medicines* are also eligible (**no** prescription required). This includes pain relievers, allergy/sinus medicines, antibiotic treatments, canker/cold sore medicines, cold/cough/flu remedies, laxatives, smoking cessation patches/gum, sleep aids, sedatives, etc.

**Non-Qualifying Health Care Expenses**

This is a **partial** list of related items that **do not** qualify under the Plan. There may be other items that do not qualify that are not listed here.

- Cosmetic procedures; e.g. face-lifts, skin peeling, teeth whitening, veneers, hair replacement, removal of spider veins
- Clip-on or non-prescription sunglasses
- Warranties & insurance premiums
- Toiletries
- Long-term care expenses
- Vitamins, medicines, drugs, or herbs for general health and not used to treat a medical condition
- Expenses that are merely beneficial to your general health (e.g., vacations)
- Health club dues

**Health FSA and Limited Purpose FSA Eligible Dependents** - Expenses for you and your spouse are automatically eligible for reimbursement through the Health FSA or Limited Purpose FSA. Federal rules stipulate that expenses for your children or tax dependents will qualify for reimbursement through the program if one of the following criteria are met:

- 1) The individual must qualify as a tax dependent, as either a Qualifying Child or a Qualifying Relative:
  - a. **Qualifying Child** – in order for someone to qualify as a **tax dependent** as a Qualifying Child, the individual must:
    - Be the taxpayer’s child (including an adopted child, stepchild or eligible foster child), brother, sister, stepbrother, stepsister or a descendant of one of these relatives;
    - Be under the age of 19 (age 24 if a full-time student); and
    - Live with the taxpayer for more than half of the year; and **NOT** have provided over half of his or her own support during the year and cannot be claimed as a “qualifying child” by any other taxpayer.

OR

- b. **Qualifying Relative** – in order for someone to qualify as a **tax dependent** as a Qualifying Relative, the individual must:
  - Be a blood relative or reside with the taxpayer if not a blood relative;
  - Receive over half of his/her support from the taxpayer; and
  - Be a US citizen.

OR

- 2) Under the Health FSA or Limited Purpose FSA, you may also include qualified expenses for your adult child(ren), even if they are not considered a tax dependent, until the end of the calendar year in which your child(ren) reaches age 26. In order to be eligible, the individual must be a “child” of the taxpayer (son, daughter, stepson, or stepdaughter) or an eligible foster child and be age 26 or younger for the entire plan year in which medical expenses are claimed. Your child does not need to live with you in order for you to claim his/her health expenses that you have incurred on his/her behalf. Please see IRS Notice 2010-38 for further information.

**Receive health care services.** A health care expense is **incurred** when the services are provided that create the expense. You must receive the services before you file a claim for those services.

**File claims.** After you have received the health care services and know the amount of your responsibility for the bill, you may submit a claim for those expenses to ASIFlex. See **Flexible Spending Account Claims** for details on claims filing.

**Grace Period.** If you are a participant as of December 31st of a Plan Year, you may continue to incur expenses through March 15th of the following year to use any remaining funds in the Plan Year that just ended. Claims for expenses incurred during this Grace Period are paid from the oldest year's funds first unless you request otherwise.

**Example:** *If you have \$50 remaining in your 2022 health flexible spending account as of January 1, 2023 and incur an expense for \$100 on February 10, 2023, this claim will be paid using \$50 from your 2022 FSA and the remaining \$50 from your 2023 FSA. If you do not want a claim for services provided January 1st through March 15th paid out of the old plan year, please write a note and enclose it with your claim form.*

**Receive reimbursements.** ASIFlex will review your claim, and if approved will reimburse you for the medical expenses within one to three business days of their receipt of the claim.

**Payment from your Health FSA or Limited Purpose FSA** will be made up to the approved amount of your claim or your remaining annual election, whichever is less. Payment is not limited to the amount in your account at the time of your claim. Your per pay contributions will continue for the remainder of the Plan year.

## THE ASIFLEX DEBIT CARD FOR YOUR HEALTH CARE EXPENSES

The ASIFlex Debit Card provides a convenient method to pay for out-of-pocket health care expenses for you, your spouse and/or any qualified dependents. The IRS has stringent regulations regarding appropriate use of the ASIFlex Card, such as **where the card can be used, and when follow-up documentation is required. Use of the ASIFlex Debit Card is not paperless and DOES NOT eliminate paperwork.** The ASIFlex Debit Card is a great benefit, but it is important that you take a moment and understand how it works.

### Where can the ASIFlex Debit Card be used?

Per IRS regulations, the ASIFlex Debit Card can only be used at Health Care Providers (based upon the Merchant Category Code) and at stores that have implemented an Inventory Information Approval System (IIAS).

- 1) **Health Care Merchant Category Codes (MCC):** Every merchant that accepts credit cards has an MCC, which is a general category that is assigned when the merchant applies for the right to accept credit cards. The ASIFlex Card will work to pay providers that have an MCC that indicates the merchant is a health care provider (hospital, doctor, dentist, optometrist, chiropractor, etc.).
- 2) **Inventory Information Approval System (IIAS):** The IRS also allows the ASIFlex Card to be used at retail stores that have IIAS in place. IIAS restricts purchases with your ASIFlex Card to eligible expenses, and you will never be prompted for follow-up documentation for purchases at these stores. Please note that if you have a medical condition that allows you to claim expenses that are not normally eligible, the ASIFlex Card will not be able to pay for these expenses at these stores. You will have to pay with a separate form of payment and submit a claim. The ASIFlex Card will work at these stores, even if the MCC does not indicate it is a health care provider.

A list of stores with this system in place now (and some expected in the future) is available online, at [asiflex.com/debitcards](https://asiflex.com/debitcards). **Purchases at these stores will never require follow-up documentation provided the merchant has identified the product as FSA eligible!**

**Do I have to turn in documentation when paying with the ASIFlex Card?**

If you use the ASIFlex card, you are only required to submit backup documentation if the transaction is unable to be electronically substantiated.

**Which claims can be electronically substantiated?**

ASIFlex Debit Card transactions can be accepted by the FSA administrator without any follow up if the merchant is an acceptable merchant type such as a physician's office or hospital and at least one of three other criteria are met. Transactions are electronically substantiated if:

- ✓ The dollar amount of the transaction at a health care provider equals the dollar amount of the co-payment or any combination of any known co-pays up to five times the highest known co-pay, for the **employer-sponsored** health, vision or dental plan that participant has elected;
- ✓ The expense is a recurring expense that matches expenses previously approved as to amount, provider, and time period (e.g., for an employee who pays a monthly fee for orthodontia at the same provider for the same amount); or
- ✓ The merchant maintains a compliant Inventory Information Approval System (IIAS) for over-the-counter drugs and supplies (e.g., Band-Aids, aspirin, contact lens solution, etc.) and prescription medication (this system restricts purchases with the ASIFlex Card to FSA-eligible expenses).

Any transaction that does not meet the above criteria will prompt a request for follow-up documentation.

**What happens if I don't submit requested documentation?**

As detailed above, there are times when you may use the ASIFlex Debit Card to purchase FSA eligible items or services and additional documentation will be required to substantiate the transaction, in accordance with IRS Regulations. When follow up documentation, or a statement of services is required, ASIFlex will send you an e-mail or letter requesting this documentation. The requested information should include the following information: name of provider, name of member (or member's spouse or dependent), date the service was provided, brief description of the service(s) provided, and the amount that was your responsibility.

ASIFlex will send the initial request for follow up documentation within a few days of the ASIFlex Card transaction. Should you not comply with the request, ASIFlex will make a second request in approximately three weeks. Should you not comply with the second request, a third notice will be sent to you stating that the ASIFlex Card has been "suspended" because the requested documentation was not received by ASIFlex.

**When you use the ASIFlex Card for a transaction requiring documentation, those dollars are identified as "overpaid" within your FSA account until the transaction is substantiated.**

If you submit a manual claim before the ASIFlex Card transaction is substantiated, the dollars associated with the manual claim will be used to offset the overpaid dollars from the ASIFlex Card transaction. This will prevent the manual claim from being reimbursed in part, or in full, depending upon the dollar amount of the manual claim. Once the ASIFlex Card transaction is substantiated, the manual claim used to offset the ASIFlex Card transaction will be reimbursed in full. See the following examples for further explanation:

***Example 1:*** John goes to the dentist and pays \$200 for a root canal with his ASIFlex Card. He then receives a notice from ASIFlex requesting follow up documentation. John submits the statement of services from his dentist along with the notice received from ASIFlex. ASIFlex reviews and processes the follow up documentation to substantiate the claim. John's FSA account will no longer be showing as "overpaid" since all follow up documentation was submitted.

**Example 2:** Lisa pays her eye doctor \$250 for contacts using her ASIFlex Card. ASIFlex sends Lisa a notice asking for follow-up documentation for the \$250 purchase. Prior to submitting the detailed statement from her eye doctor, Lisa submits a manual claim to ASIFlex for a \$100 prescription which she paid for out-of-pocket. ASIFlex will process the \$100 claim but no payment will be issued that day. Instead, the amount of the manual claim will be used to offset the ASIFlex Card transaction. This will result in ASIFlex showing Lisa's overpaid amount reduced from \$250 to \$150. Two weeks later Lisa submits the follow up documentation for the ASIFlex Card transaction used to purchase the contacts to ASIFlex. ASIFlex will then process the supporting documentation for \$250 and Lisa will be issued a payment of \$100 for her manual prescription claim.

If you are unable to provide documentation for an ASIFlex Card transaction in question, you may submit expenses incurred out-of-pocket to offset the ASIFlex Card transaction. The expenses that are incurred out-of-pocket must not also be paid for using the ASIFlex Card.

Should you neglect to submit the requested documentation and the plan year comes to a to an end (following the Plan's provision for documentation to be submitted by June 15), ASIFlex will provide notice to the State of Indiana that the claim was not substantiated within the plan year as required by IRS Regulations. **If you are actively employed by the State of Indiana and do not repay your claims, the amount of the unsubstantiated claims will be deducted from your pay.**

If you do not provide requested documentation and leave State of Indiana employment or retire, a W-2 will be provided to you for the year in which the funds were not repaid and these funds will be reported to the IRS as earnings for which taxes must be paid. See the following example for further explanation:

**Example:** Lori's daughter Carrie goes to the dentist to receive a crown in 2022. Lori uses her ASIFlex Card for the \$750 expense. Lori terminates employment the following week. ASIFlex sends Lori three notices requesting follow up documentation, and receives no response or repayment from Lori. At the end of the plan year (following the grace period provision to April 15, 2023) ASIFlex will notify the State of Indiana of the overpayment. The State of Indiana will then issue a W-2 for 2023 in January, 2024, to the member and to the IRS, which will report the \$750 overpayment as taxable income.



While the ASIFlex Debit Card provides a convenient method to pay for out-of-pocket health care expenses, the ASIFlex Debit Card is **NOT** a paperless option and **DOES NOT** eliminate paperwork. There are times when you may use the ASIFlex Debit Card to purchase FSA eligible items or services and additional documentation **will still be required** to substantiate the transaction in accordance with IRS Regulations.

Concerns and questions regarding this process should be directed to ASIFlex at [asi@asiflex.com](mailto:asi@asiflex.com) or 1-800-659-3035.

#### **Is there a cost for the ASIFlex Card?**

No.

#### **How do I request an ASIFlex Card?**

The cards will be automatically sent. Each participant will receive two (2) cards.

#### **Can I request additional ASIFlex Cards?**

Yes. Everyone will receive two ASIFlex Cards in the mail. If you would like additional cards, complete the ASIFlex Card application form online at [asiflex.com](http://asiflex.com). Please note that all ASIFlex Cards will be in the name of the FSA participant.

## ESTABLISHING AND USING YOUR DEPENDENT CARE FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNT

**Estimate your total dependent care expenses for the Plan Year.** Include predictable expenses only. **DO NOT** include medical or dental expenses for your dependents in the Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account election, these are claimed through your Health Care Flexible Spending Account.

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### Annual (household) Maximum \$5,000.00

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You and your spouse together may include up to \$5,000.00 **per calendar year** (\$2,500 in the case of a married individual filing a separate tax return for the plan year) or the lesser of your or your spouse's earned income for the plan year. In the case of a spouse who is a full-time student at an educational institution or is physically or mentally incapable of caring for himself or herself, such spouse shall be deemed to have earned income of \$250 per month if you have one dependent and \$500 per month if you have two or more dependents. In accordance with IRS guidelines, the State of Indiana examines Dependent Care FSA elections each year to ensure that the plan does not favor Highly-Compensated Employees\* (HCE) as defined by the IRS. If the Plan is found to "discriminate" against non-highly compensated employees, the State of Indiana will reduce contributions made by HCEs in order to maintain qualified status under the Plan. Non-highly compensated employees are not affected by this rule.

\**Highly Compensated Employees* for purposes of Dependent Care, are individuals who receive an annual compensation of \$120,000 or higher, as well as individuals who have been identified as key employees.

**A Qualifying Individual** is your Dependent who is **under the age of 13** (when services are incurred) or your Spouse or an older Dependent who is mentally or physically incapable of self-care who lives in your home at least 8 hours each day. If you are divorced, the Qualifying Individual must be your son or daughter for whom you have more than 50% physical custody. Please call ASIFlex before enrolling in this account if you have unique day care or joint custody arrangements. Be sure to call the Benefits Hotline at 317-232-1167 or toll free at 877-248-0007 (State Police employees and Conservation & Excise Officers should call their Human Resources Department) within 30 days of a change in eligibility of a qualifying individual if you need to change your election.

**A Qualified Provider** can provide care in your home or outside your home. If the care is provided outside your home and the facility cares for more than 5 individuals, then it must be licensed by the State. The expenses **may not** be paid to your spouse, a child of yours who is under the age of 19 at the end of the year in which the expenses are incurred, or to an individual for whom you or your spouse is entitled to a personal tax exemption as a dependent.

**The Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account** is an alternative to taking a "Tax Credit" allowed with your tax filing each year. You may receive a tax break on your expenses, but you must choose whether to use the "Tax Credit" or the "FSA". The IRS will not allow you to receive two tax breaks on the same expenses.

- A **Tax Credit** is allowed for child/dependent care expenses of up to \$6,000 per year for two or more dependents (\$3,000 per year for one dependent). You file for the "tax credit" on your annual tax return, at the end of the year. The credit is an amount equal to your dependent care expenses multiplied by a percentage determined by your combined adjusted gross income. The percentage decreases from a high of 35% to a low of 20% as your income increases.



- The **Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account** Plan allows a tax break on up to \$5,000.00 per year, \$2,500 if married filing separately, for any number of dependents; one, two, or more. You will experience “tax savings” throughout the year with every paycheck you receive. Employees who pay federal taxes of 15%, state taxes of approximately 6% and Social Security taxes of 7.65% would save around 28% of expenses through the Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account Plan. As their federal tax percentage rises, they would receive an even higher tax break by using the Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account Plan.

Generally those employees with a combined family income over \$31,000 will have a higher percentage tax break through the Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account Plan. Those employees with a combined income under \$31,000 generally will have a higher percentage tax break using the Tax Credit. **Please contact your tax advisor if you have questions about which is better for you.**

**You are required to file Schedule 2** with your IRS Form 1040A or **Form 2441** with your IRS Form 1040 to support the amount redirected for the calendar year. This is for informational purposes. You will not pay taxes on the redirected amount. Payments made to you under this category are not taxable, but the amount redirected will appear on your W-2 form which informs the IRS that you have received a tax break on that expense.

### Qualifying Dependent Care Expenses

Qualifying child/dependent care expenses are those that you incur in order for you and your spouse (if married) to be gainfully employed that are considered to be employment-related expenses under Internal Revenue Code §21(b)(2) to the extent that you or another person (if any) incurring the expense is not reimbursed for the expense through any other Plan. **Only expenses incurred for care and well-being qualify for this tax break** (Kindergarten, summer school and private school expenses, food and transportation do not apply). Day camp fees incurred in order for you to work are allowable but overnight camps are not.

Refer to the Eligible Expense Listing and IRS Publication 503 (available at [asiflex.com](http://asiflex.com)) for additional information. The purpose of Publication 503 is to assist people with their income tax filing. It does not address Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account Plans. However, most of the items listed as eligible for the tax credit in 503 can be claimed through your Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account. You can only claim expenses based on the date incurred (not paid as stated in 503). Please contact ASIFlex at [asi@asiflex.com](mailto:asi@asiflex.com) or (800) 659-3035 if you have any questions regarding particular expenses.

### Qualifying Expenses are those that enable you to be gainfully employed including:

- Daycare centers
- Nanny, Au Pair
- Day camps
- Babysitters
- Before school/after school care
- Preschool, nursery school (not tuition)

### Non-Qualifying Dependent Care Expenses

This is a **partial** list of items that **do not** qualify under the plan. There may be other items that do not qualify that are not listed here.

- Care that is not incurred in order for you to work or look for work
- Amounts paid to your spouse or dependent or to your (or your spouse's) son or daughter who is under 19 years old at the end of the year
- Care for a child for whom you have 50% or less physical custody
- Kindergarten or other educational expenses
- Care for a child age 13 or older who is not disabled
- Child support payments
- Elder daycare for a dependent with gross income over the Federal exemption limit
  - Food, transportation or activity fees
  - Overnight camps

**Receive dependent care services.** Dependent care expenses are **incurred** when the day care is provided. You must receive the dependent care services before you file a claim for those services.

**File claims.** After you have received the dependent care services, you may submit a claim for those expenses to ASIFlex. Extra claim forms are available by contacting ASIFlex or online at [asiflex.com](https://asiflex.com). You can also submit claims online or via the mobile app.

You can have the dependent care provider sign the dependent care certification section of the claim form in lieu of providing separate documentation for dependent care claims.

You must provide the tax identification number or Social Security Number of the child/dependent care provider with your federal income tax return. Please check with your child/dependent care provider (**before** enrolling in this category) to be sure that you are able to obtain his/her tax I.D. or Social Security number.

**Grace Period:** If you are a participant as of December 31st of a Plan Year, you may continue to incur expenses through March 15th to use any remaining funds in the Plan Year that just ended. Claims for expenses incurred during this Grace Period are paid from the oldest year's funds first unless you request otherwise.

**Receive reimbursements.** ASIFlex will review your claim, and if approved will reimburse you within one to three business days of their receipt of your claim up to the amount you have on deposit in your account. If your claim exceeds your available funds, the difference will be recorded and paid as funds become available from payroll.

**Payment from your Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account** will be made up to the approved amount of your claim or your current balance, whichever is less. Any portion of your claim which is not paid will be paid automatically as money is contributed from payroll. Total payments for the year are restricted to your annual election.

**False or Fraudulent Claims.** If ASIFlex believes that false or fraudulent claims have been submitted, ASIFlex will investigate the submitted claims ASIFlex will deny your claim and notify you that your account has been placed on hold until the situation has been resolved. ASIFlex has the authority to deny claims found to be false or fraudulent and to terminate your participation in the FSA. The State may take legal or disciplinary action against a member found to have submitted false claims.

## FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNT CLAIMS

- Claims processed daily – within 1-3 business days of receipt of qualified claim.
- File Claims Online! Go to [asiflex.com](https://asiflex.com), account detail section, and upload your scanned documentation.
- Go mobile! Snap a picture of your documentation and submit via the ASIFlex Mobile App.
- Fax Claims: 1-877-879-9038
- Mail Claims: P O Box 6044 Columbia, MO 65205-6044
- Go to [asiflex.com](https://asiflex.com) for claim forms and personal account information.
- Direct deposit is available for claims payment – Sign up through your online account.
- Direct deposit notices are sent via E- mail or USPS the day that payment is initiated.
- Email/Text Alerts – Sign up through your online account.

**Allowable expenses** must be incurred during the portion of the Plan Year or Grace Period that you are a participant. **Claims must be filed by June 15th following the end of the Plan Year. After that, your account will be closed and any balance remaining will be forfeited to the State of Indiana in accordance with federal regulations.** If June 15th is a holiday, Saturday, or Sunday, then claims must be filed by the first business day following June 15th.

**You must submit your claim** along with **copies** of itemized statements of service **from the provider** to serve as proof that you have incurred an allowable expense in order to receive payment. Itemized Statements of service are **required to include**, the **provider's name/address**, patient name, the **date(s) of service**, a **description of the service(s)**, and the **expense amount**. Copies of personal checks and paid receipts, without the above information, are not acceptable. **Documentation or copies will not be returned.**

For over-the-counter supplies, the receipt or documentation from the store must include the name of the item pre-printed on the receipt. **Claim forms are available online at [asiflex.com](https://asiflex.com).**

Purchases for general good health are not eligible. Claims for items that are purchased for an existing medical condition must be accompanied by a letter from your attending physician stating the medical condition and the items that are required as treatment for that specific medical condition (if they would otherwise not qualify as a general good health item). A sample letter is available at [asiflex.com](https://asiflex.com). This letter can be used as support for 12 months from the date of the letter. To learn which expenses may require a letter from your attending physician, view the Eligible Expenses listing at [asiflex.com](https://asiflex.com).

**Electronic Communications** – You can sign up to receive email and text alerts instead of mail. Sign into your account at [asiflex.com](https://asiflex.com) and update your account settings under “Manage Your Account.”

**Direct deposit** into the bank account of your choice is available for your claim payments. By using direct deposit you will not need to wait for a check to arrive and be deposited. A notice that a payment was made will be sent to you. To sign up for direct deposit, sign into your account at [asiflex.com](https://asiflex.com) and update your account settings under “Manage Your Account.”

**If you receive a check for reimbursement and forget to cash it**, the check is valid for six months from the issuance date. If you have received a check and have not cashed it within six months, ASIFlex will attempt to contact you via email or postal mail, and will offer to reissue the reimbursement to you.

**If you have unused funds at the end of the claims filing period**, those funds are forfeited to the State of Indiana and used to a) offset reimbursements to Health FSA and Limited Purpose FSA participants who terminate employment mid-year and have been reimbursed more than contributed at that point in time and b) pay ASIFlex's administrative fees.

**If a claim is denied** in whole or in part, ASIFlex will notify the Participant in writing within 30 days of the date that ASI received the claim. This time may be extended for an additional 15 days for matters beyond the control of ASIFlex. Notification of a denied claim will include:

- The specific reasons for the denial;
- The specific Plan provisions on which the denial is based;
- A description of any additional material or information necessary to validate the claim and an explanation of why such material or information is necessary; and
- Appropriate information on the steps to take to appeal ASI's adverse benefits determination.\*

*\*If a claim for benefits is denied in whole or in part, or if the Participant believes that benefits under the FSA plan to which they are entitled have not been provided, an appeal process is available. Participants may appeal in writing by completing an Appeal Form from ASIFlex within 30 days to ASIFlex after the denial is received. If an appeal is not made within the above referenced timeframe all rights to appeal will be forfeited.*

## ONLINE ACCESS

You can access your Health FSA, Limited Purpose FSA and your Dependent Care FSA online 24/7. You can also view detailed eligible expense listings, view educational videos, read frequently asked questions, access claim and other administrative forms, read ASIFlex Card information, link to FSA Store and IRS forms and publications.

To get started, you will need to create your account:

1. Go to [asiflex.com](https://asiflex.com)
2. Select “**Online Access/Account Detail.**”
3. Click on the “**Participant/Account Detail.**”
4. Then click the “Create an Account” button and follow the instructions.
5. Remember your User Name, Password and Security Image. You will need these each time you sign-in to your account.