

# Flexible Spending Accounts (FSA) Overview



With a tax-advantaged FSA, you have a convenient way to save for—and pay for—eligible medical, dental, and other expenses.

## With an FSA, you benefit from the following:

- **Tax Savings** – By saving pre-tax dollars in your FSA, you lower your taxable income and increase your annual take-home pay (see example below).
- **Overall Lower Out-of-pocket Costs** – By using pre-tax dollars to pay for eligible expenses, you gain an automatic discount on these products and services.
- **Flexibility** – The funds in your FSA can be used for a range of products and services (see summary).
- **Convenience** – With your FSA debit card, it's easy to use your funds when you need them.

## Managing Your FSA is Easy

You can access your FSA by simply logging into your account through [www.mywealthcareonline.com/bcbsri](http://www.mywealthcareonline.com/bcbsri), where you can:

- Check your current FSA balance and transaction history
- Schedule a contribution and direct deposits
- Utilize tax savings calculator and eligible expense finder
- Submit claims
- And more

Increase Your Take-Home Income*			
	Not Enrolled in an FSA	Enrolled in an FSA	Benefits
<b>Pre-Tax Annual Income:</b>	\$38,000	\$38,000	
FSA Contribution	\$0	-\$500	FSA funded by pre-tax dollars
<b>Taxable Annual Income:</b>	\$38,000	\$37,500	
Federal Income Tax (15%)	-\$5,700	-\$5,625	Pay less in Federal Income Tax
State Income Tax (4%)	-\$1,520	-\$1,500	Pay less in State Income Tax
FICA Tax (7.65%)	-\$2,907	-\$2,869	Pay less in FICA Tax
Out-of-Pocket Medical Expenses	-\$500	\$0	Out-of-Pocket medical expenses paid by pre-tax dollars in your FSA
<b>Take-Home Annual Income</b>	<b>\$27,373</b>	<b>\$27,506</b>	<b>Take-home income increased by \$133</b>

Summary of Eligible Expenses		
Healthcare FSA		
Braces	Diagnostic Testing	Mental Health
Copays	Durable Medical Equipment	Machine Tests
Contacts	Physician Services	
Deductibles	Prescriptions	
Chiropractors	Eyeglasses	Surgeries
Deductibles	Hearing Aids	Therapy
Dental Services	Home Hospice Care	Vision Services
Dependent Care FSA		
Adult Day Care	Day Camp	Sick-child facility
Child Day Care	Nursery School	

\* Illustration is just an example. Incomes, contributions, and taxes will vary by individual and state.



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