

Over-the-Counter Medicines & Products Eligible Expenses

Over-the-counter (OTC) medicines and products are now reimbursable under a Health Care Flexible Spending Account (HCFSA) when the OTC product is used for medical purposes. Under the FSAFEDS Program, eligible OTC medicines and products (name-brand and generics) are reimbursable through your HCFSA beginning January 1, 2004. FSAFEDS allows the same expenses as those allowed by the IRS. Below is a description of the three IRS-defined categories, followed by product examples for each category.

□ Eligible OTC Medical Care Expenses

- Eligible items include medicines or products that alleviate or treat injuries or illness for you and your dependents. These drugs and products are not cosmetic in nature, or merely beneficial to your general health. Claims for OTC medicines and products must include an adequate receipt accompanied by the FSAFEDS Reimbursement Request Form. An adequate receipt states the name of the medicine or product, the date, and the amount paid. If your supermarket or pharmacy receipt does not include this information, you will need to copy the label from the product or its packaging, circle the correct amount on your receipt, and submit this information with your FSAFEDS claim. You do not need to provide a statement from a medical provider or indicate a diagnosis in order to receive reimbursement.

□ Dual-Purpose Products

- Certain OTC products are called dual-purpose. That's because for some individuals, the product is used to alleviate a medical condition, while others use the product for general health and well-being. These products may be reimbursed through your FSAFEDS Health Care Flexible Spending Account, but require a **medical provider's note stating your specific diagnosis or medical condition, a recommendation to take the specific OTC medicine to treat your condition, and documentation of the product and cost.**

□ Excluded Items

- OTC products that are not medicines or that merely benefit your general health are NOT reimbursable under your FSAFEDS Health Care Flexible Spending Account.

Reimbursement for OTC medicines must still follow the existing rules regarding HCFSA's. The expense(s) must:

- *Be incurred during your period of coverage (January 1, 2004 is the earliest that OTC medicines are eligible for reimbursement through your FSAFEDS HCFSA)*
- *Not be reimbursed through another plan*
- *Be substantiated through a detailed receipt*

□ How Can I Submit My Request For Reimbursement?

- **Fax Your Claim:** 502-267-2233
- **Mail Your Claim:** FSAFEDS Program • PO Box 36880 • Louisville, KY 40233-6880

You have the right to appeal a claim for benefits that has been denied by writing to SHPS and requesting reconsideration. You can submit written appeals to the address listed above.

If you have questions you may visit the FSAFEDS Web site at www.fsafeds.com or call the FSAFEDS toll-free phone line at **1-877-FSAFEDS (372-3337)**. Benefits Counselors are available to assist you Monday through Friday, from 9:00 A.M. until 9:00 P.M., Eastern Time. TTY Line: 1-800-952-0450.

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Eligible OTC Expenses include medicines or products that alleviate or treat injuries or illness for you and your dependents. You do not need to provide a statement from a medical provider or indicate a diagnosis in order to receive reimbursement.

Type/Class of Drug or Product	Examples
Allergy Prevention and Treatment	Actifed ♦ Allerest ♦ Benadryl ♦ Chlor-Trimetron ♦ Claritin ♦ Contac ♦ Nasalcrom ♦ Sudafed
Analgesics/Antipyretics	Aspirin ♦ Advil ♦ Alleve ♦ Ibuprofen ♦ Naprosyn ♦ Tylenol ♦ Midol ♦ Pamprin ♦ Premysyn PMS
Antacids and Acid Reducers	AXID AR ♦ Gas-X ♦ Maalox ♦ Mylanta ♦ Tums ♦ Pepcid AC ♦ Prilosec ♦ OTC ♦ Tagamet HB ♦ Zantac 75
Anti-arthritics	
Antibiotics (topical)	Bacitracin ♦ Triple antibiotic ointment
Anticandidal (yeast)	Femstat 3 ♦ Gynelotrimin ♦ Mycelex-7 ♦ Monistat 3 ♦ Vagistat-1
Antidiarrheal and Laxatives	Ex-Lax ♦ Immodium AD ♦ Kaopectate ♦ Pepto-Bismol
Antifungal	Lamisil AT ♦ Lotramin AF ♦ Micatin
Antihistamines	Actidil ♦ Actifed ♦ Allerest ♦ Benadryl ♦ Claritin ♦ Chlor-Trimetron ♦ Contac ♦ Drixoral ♦ Sudafed ♦ Tavist-1 ♦ Triaminic
Anti-itch Lotions and Creams	Bactine ♦ Benadryl ♦ Caldecort ♦ Caladryl ♦ Calamine ♦ Cortaid ♦ Hydrocortisone ♦ Lanacort ♦ Lamisil AT ♦ Lotramin AF
Asthma Medicines	Bronitin Mist ♦ Bronkaid ♦ Bronkolyser ♦ Primatene
Cold Sore/Fever Blister	Abreva Cream
Cold, Flu, Decongestant and Sinus Remedies	Actidil ♦ Actifed ♦ Advil Cold and Sinus ♦ Afrin ♦ Alka Seltzer Cold and Flu ♦ Afrinol ♦ Alleve Cold and Sinus ♦ Children's Advil Cold ♦ Contac ♦ Dayquil ♦ Dimetane ♦ Dristan Long-Lasting ♦ Drixoral ♦ Neo-Synephrine 12-Hour ♦ Nyquil ♦ Orrivin ♦ Pediacare ♦ Sudafed ♦ Tavist-D ♦ Thera-flu ♦ Triaminic ♦ Tylenol Cold and Flu ♦ Cough Drops ♦ Nasal Sprays ♦ Throat Lozenges
Contraceptive / Family Planning	Ovulation predictor kits ♦ Pregnancy tests ♦ Spermicides
Cough Suppressants or Expectorants	Robitussin ♦ Vicks 44 ♦ Chloraspetic ♦ Cough drops ♦ Throat lozenges
Dehydration	Pedialyte
Dental/Denture Care	Orajel ♦ Anbesol ♦ Poligrip
Diaper Rash	Balmex ♦ Desitin
Ear Care	Ear drops ♦ Ear wax removal ♦ Ear plugs
Eye Care	Contact lens supplies ♦ Eye drops ♦ Reading glasses ♦ Eye patches
First Aid / Medical Supplies	Antiseptics ♦ Bandages ♦ First aid kits ♦ Cold/hot packs for injuries ♦ Joint supports (ankle, elbow, knee, wrist) ♦ Rubbing alcohol ♦ Ace wraps ♦ Splints ♦ Thermometers ♦ Liquid adhesives
Foot Care	Arch and insole supports ♦ Callous removers ♦ Athlete's Foot products (see anti-fungal) ♦ Bunion, blister and corn treatments
Hemorrhoidal Preparations	Preparation H ♦ Hemorrhoid ♦ Tronolane
Home Diagnostic Tests or Kits	Blood pressure (monitor and related equipment) ♦ Cholesterol ♦ Diabetic equipment and supplies ♦ Colorectal screenings ♦ HIV test
Lactose Intolerance	DairyCare ♦ Dairy Relief ♦ Lactaid ♦ Lacteeze ♦ Lactrase
Menstrual Cycle	Midol ♦ Pamprin ♦ Premysyn PMS
Migraine Relief	Advil Migraine ♦ Motrin Migraine ♦ Excedrin
Motion Sickness	Dramamine ♦ Marizine
NSAIDS	Advil ♦ Alleve ♦ Ibuprofen ♦ Motrin ♦ Naprosyn ♦ Naproxen
Pediculicide	Nix ♦ Rid
Pre-natal Vitamins	
Skin Care	Sunscreen ♦ Sunburn relief
Sleeping Aids	
Smoking Cessation	Commit ♦ Nicoderm CQ ♦ Nicorette ♦ Nicotrol
Teething/Toothaches	Orajel ♦ Anbesol
Topical Steroids	Hydrocortisone
Wart Removal	Compound W ♦ Dr. Scholl's Clear Away ♦ Wart-Off

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Dual-Purpose OTC Medicines and Products may be reimbursed under a FSAFEDS HCFA with a licensed health care provider's note stating your specific diagnosis or medical condition, a recommendation to take the specific OTC medicine to treat your condition, and documentation of the product and cost.

Type/Class of Drug or Product	Examples	Reimbursable Use	Excluded Use
Acne	Retin-A	Chronic acne under treatment by a physician	Occasional outbreak or blemish
Calcium	Calcium Carbonate ♦ Caltrate ♦ Tricalcium Phosphate ♦ Calcium Citrate ♦ Calcium Lactate ♦ Calcium Gluconate	Diagnosis (e.g. osteoporosis) or at-risk for illness or injury based on physician note	Routine use for general health
Dental fluoride			Routine use for general oral care
Feminine Hygiene		Post-surgery or childbirth	
Fiber Supplements	Benefiber ♦ Metamucil		
Homeopathic Remedies			
Incontinence		Post-surgery	Infants and toddlers
Joint Supplements	Glucosamine ♦ Chondroitin	Diagnosis of Arthritis	Routine use for general health
Minerals	Calcium ♦ Caltrate ♦ Ferrous Sulfate ♦ Feosol ♦ Slow FE ♦ Folic Acid	Diagnosis (e.g. osteoporosis, anemia) or at-risk for illness or injury based on physician note	Routine use for general health
OTC Hormone Therapy		Peri-menopausal or menopausal symptoms	Routine use for general health
Dietary Supplements	Protein bars ♦ Power drinks		Sports performance, general energy and health
Fiber Supplements		Documented specific medical condition; short duration	Routine use for general health
Snoring Cessation Aids	Breathe Right ♦ Snorezz	Sleep Apnea	
Vitamins		Vitamin B for treatment of scurvy	Routine use for general health
Weight Loss		Diagnosis of obesity	

Excluded OTC Products (non-eligible expenses)

Type/Class of Drug or Product	Examples
Cosmetic Products	Face soaps ♦ Creams ♦ Make-up ♦ Perfumes ♦ Hair removal
Dental Products	Dental floss ♦ Toothpaste ♦ Toothbrushes ♦ Teeth whitening kits
Dietary/Nutritional Supplements	Ensure ♦ Glucerna ♦ Slimfast
Herbal Supplements	
Toiletries	Deodorant ♦ Shampoo ♦ Body sprays ♦ Soaps ♦ Moisturizers ♦ Chapstick
Vitamins	

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