Why Do I Need a Dependent Care FSA?

What is it?

A Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account (Dependent Care FSA) allows you to use tax-free dollars to pay for qualified child daycare or adult day care expenses.

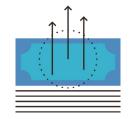
What is it used for?

The funds in a Dependent Care FSA are for out-of-pocket expenses like nursery school, child daycare, before/after school care and even care for adult dependents. You *cannot* use the funds in a Dependent Care FSA for any medical purchases or services for your family. For that, you will need to make a separate election for a Medical FSA.



How do I save money?

A Dependent Care FSA gives you the power to set aside money tax-free from your paycheck to put towards caring for your children and any adult dependents in your care.



Tax Savings Example: You spend \$5,000 on day care each year. By enrolling in a Dependent Care FSA, you could save it could amount to upwards of \$1,500 in savings. (For illustration purposes only. Individual tax rates and maximum limits apply.)

Example Savings:

\$5,000/year x **30%** tax rate = **\$1,500**/year in savings

Calculate Your Savings

Annual Election x Tax Rate = Annual Savings

\$_____ x ____% =

Why do I need this plan?

A Dependent Care FSA is a financial tool used to reduce the cost of child and adult dependent care. You set aside tax-free money from your paycheck to put toward services you are already paying for. A Dependent Care FSA is just one more savings tool.



BONUS: If you have medical expenses for a dependent, also consider a separate Medical FSA election to receive savings on those expenses.



