

## 2021 Flex Annual Open Enrollment

EMPLOYEE RESOURCE GUIDE



# Your Allied Flexible Spending Account (FSA)

#### WHAT IS A FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNT (FSA)?

A Flexible Spending Account, or an FSA, is a special account that allows you to set aside pretax money directly from your company paycheck to cover certain out-of-pocket costs.

There are three types of FSAs:

- 1. **Healthcare FSA** Covers out-of-pocket healthcare expenses, such as copayments, deductibles, some drugs, and more.
- 2. **Dependent Care FSA** Covers costs associated with caring for children, a disabled spouse, elderly parents or other dependents while working or attending school full-time.
- 3. Limited Purpose FSA HSA compatible FSA that covers eligible vision and dental costs.

#### **HOW IT WORKS**

Once you are enrolled in the Flex plan, you will receive an Allied Flex Debit Card. This debit should be used to pay for any covered FSA expenses, and will automatically deduct funds from your Allied Flex Account. All spending activity, account balances and claims can be easily viewed by logging into your Member Portal Account on AlliedBenefit.com.



#### WHAT CAN FLEX BE USED FOR?

- Deductibles
- Coinsurance
- Office visit co-payments
- Prescriptions
- Physical exams
- Chiropractic care
- Birth control pills
- Physical therapy
- Medical supplies and first aid kits

- Preventative care
- Routine gynecological exams
- Menstrual products
- Over-the-counter medications
- Dental exams, fillings, crowns, and x-rays
- Orthodontia
- Eye examinations
- Eyeglasses and contact lenses

\*For a complete list of FSA eligible expenses, refer to IRS Publication 502 or the FSA Store.

### Flex Plan Highlights

Contribution limits, provisions, and claim submission deadlines

#### Health Flexible Spending Account & Limited Purpose Flexible Spending Account

- \$2,750 individual IRS maximum.
- \$550 Rollover Provision your employer has adopted the IRS rule allowing you to carry over up to \$550 of unused flex funds remaining at year end to be used for qualified medical expenses incurred the following year. Unused funds over \$550 will be forfeited.

#### **Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account**

• \$5,000 household IRS maximum.

#### Claim Submission Deadline – Health FSA, Limited Purpose FSA, & Dependent Care FSA

- All 2021 flex claims must be submitted by March 31, 2022.
- All claims submitted after this three (3) month extension will be denied or applied to the new flex plan year if incurred dates apply.
- Use it or Lose it Rule IRS regulations require that any money left in the account after this deadline will revert back to the plan.

#### Allied Flex Debit Cards – Health FSA & Limited Purpose FSA Only

- Flex debit cards are automatically issued to all participants at no cost.
- Flex debit cards are good for three (3) years. Make sure to confirm the expiration date listed on the card.
- Additional debit cards for a spouse or dependent(s) may be requested at no cost.

#### **Direct Deposit Reimbursement**

• Designate convenient payments directly to your preferred bank account.

## **Your Allied Member Portal**

Access information about your Flex Plan by logging into your Member Portal on AlliedBenefit.com.

Don't have an account yet? Get started in three simple steps:

1. Go to www.AlliedBenefit.com and click Register at the top left.



2. Enter in the required information and click Submit.

WEBSITE ACCOUNT REQUEST	
First name	
Last name	
Group number	
SSN or UID	(no dashes)
Date of birth	mm/dd/yyyy
Email address	
Confirm email	
	SUBMIT

3. Once submitted, you will receive an email from notifications@alliedbenefit.com to complete your account set up.