

# Flexible Spending Benefits *City of Newton*

<u>Make Your</u>

Money Go

depending on your

tax status

# One of the Few Gifts the IRS Gives!

Discover the benefit that SAVES YOU MONEY. This perk allows you to set aside a portion of your pay—*BEFORE TAXES*—to cover out-of-pocket expenses in these categories:

HEALTH CARE.\* Eligible expenses and services include: non-cosmetic medical, dental, and vision care services; orthodontics; prescription medications; over-the-counter 'medicines' (not vitamins or supplements); prescription eyeglasses, contact lenses, laser eye surgery, mental health services, alternative health therapies (e.g. chiropractic, acupuncture), MORE!

Max. Annual Health Care Election: \$3,050.

**Who's Covered?** You, your legal spouse, and your dependents, as defined by the Internal Revenue Service, including those claimed on your tax return and adult children under age 26.

**Grace Period.** Health Care FSA participants get an *extra* **75** *days* at the end of the plan year to spend down the prior year's available balance.

**HSA Ineligibility.** If you or your spouse has a Health Savings Account ('HSA'), you are <u>not eligible</u> for the Health Care FSA plan.

DEPENDENT CARE.\*\* For your dependent children under age 13, elderly dependents, and dependents with special needs. Eligible expenses include day care, preschool, before/after school care, day camp, and elder day care. Max. Annual Dep. Care Election: \$5,000. per family.

## COMMUTING<sup>+</sup>:

- TRANSIT PLAN.<sup>+</sup> For <u>the participant's</u> mass-transit expenses (subway, train, bus, trolley, commuter boat, vanpools) for commuting to/from work. NOT for tolls, taxis, car & ride-hail/ride-share services, or another person's mass-transit expenses. Max. <u>Monthly Election: \$300</u> (up to \$3,600 per year)
- PARKING PLAN.<sup>+</sup> For <u>the participant's</u> parking expenses at their place of work or mass-transit lot. Not for residential or non-work parking, or another person's expenses. *Max. <u>Monthly Election</u>: \$300. (up to \$3,600 per year)*



**Complete** an *"Authorization for Pre-Tax Payroll Reduction"* form and send it to **Human Resources (NPS Human Resources for Newton Schools employees)** by the date shown above.

Already in the plan? Log-in to your employee account portal via our website, www.CPA125.com, and re-enroll for the 2024 plan year prior to the deadline.

> NOTE: Re-enrollment is NOT automatic!

#### **Benefit Cards**

New Health Care FSA enrollees will receive **2 cards** that can be used at most medical facilities, dental offices, optical shops & pharmacies for eligible expenses.

Cards for the Transit and/or Parking benefits may be used at many transit points of purchase or parking facilities, as applicable, from <u>accrued</u> funds.

*Keep your FSA cards!* They will reload for each plan year that you re-enroll.

### Track Your Account and File Claims 24/7!

Log in to your **employee portal** via our website, *www.CPA125.com*, or our **app**: *CPA Flex Mobile*.

\* Not all Health Care expenses are FSA-eligible, such as: cosmetic procedures or products (e.g. Botox, teeth whitening, veneers, etc.), couples/family counseling, general health/wellness expenses (i.e., toothbrushes, toothpastes, non-prescription sunglasses, gym dues, etc.), and federally non-permissible products. Some healthcare-related expenses, such as medical equipment and some services, may require a physician's Letter of Medical Necessity in order to be FSA-eligible. Visit <u>https://fsastore.com/CPAEligibility</u> for more info. on specific products & services.

\* Overnight camp and school tuition for kindergarten and up are not FSA-eligible; day camp is eligible when utilized as a form of childcare in order for the parent(s)/guardian(s) to be able to work; extracurricular and enrichment programs/activities that aren't daycare/childcare-based are not eligible; money paid to a childcare provider who doesn't report it as income on their taxes is not FSA-eligible.

<sup>+</sup> The Transit and Parking plans are participant-only benefits and not for spouse or dependent's expenses. Transit plan is for mass-transit service as described above; vanpool = a van that seats 6+ adults and a driver used exclusively to transport workers to/from work; tolls, taxis, car/ride-hail/ride-share services are not eligible. Monthly expense cap shown reflects max. federal tax benefit; Mass. tax benefit is \$150/mo.

Flexible Spending Plans administered by...

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