



QuickStart Guide

Your Flexible Spending Accounts



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Register online now!

If you haven't registered online yet, please do so today. To register, just visit participant.wageworks.com/NYSFSA and click "REGISTER." You'll need to create a username and password and answer a few simple questions.

Questions? Ask us.

If you have any questions or concerns, you can talk to a trained expert to learn more about the program. Just call 800-358-7202 Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. Eastern Time.

Download the EZ Receipts® app.

Use your smartphone to file claims and take care of your account paperwork from anywhere. Go to participant.wageworks.com/NYSFSA to learn more.

Welcome to the Flex Spending Account. Start Saving. Here's How.

Congratulations on enrolling in the Flex Spending Account (FSA). The State of New York has retained the services of WageWorks as the FSA administrator to manage your FSA benefits.

Your FSA is a great way to save on hundreds of eligible expenses like prescriptions, copayments, over-the-counter (OTC) items, and child and elder care.

Your FSA: The Essentials

Your FSA is governed by IRS regulations that detail who is eligible to use the account and where and how the money in it is to be used. Your FSA was designed to be simple. To keep it that way, it's important to comply with the IRS regulations that govern the program. The following guidelines will help you avoid any inconvenience.

- **Make sure account funds are only spent on those who are eligible.** Typically, those eligible are you, your spouse, and your tax dependents.
- **Know what expenses are eligible.** Log in to your account at participant.wageworks.com/NYSFSA for a list of your employer's eligible expenses. Generally, eligible healthcare expenses include services and products that are medically necessary to treat a specific condition. Dependent care expenses typically include care provided for your qualifying child (under age 13) or other qualifying dependent so you can work.
- **Keep your receipts.** Save receipts that describe exactly what you paid for. Make sure the amount and service date—not the payment date—are included.
- **Get a prescription from your doctor.** To use your account for OTC drugs, you'll need to get a prescription from your doctor. You can use your WageWorks® Healthcare Card (Card) for prescribed OTC drugs when filled and purchased as a prescription at the pharmacy counter. Alternatively, you can pay for the item out-of-pocket and use Pay Me Back to submit your claim and prescription to WageWorks for reimbursement. Pay Me Back claims can be submitted online, or with your smartphone or mobile device.
- **Watch where you shop.** If using the Card, shop only at general merchandise stores or pharmacies that have an industry standard (IIAS) inventory system in place. Visit www.sigis.org for the most updated list of approved merchants. The Card should decline if the merchant is not approved.
- **Verify all of your Card transactions.** If a transaction is not automatically verified at checkout or by a third-party system, you will be notified by email or upon login to your account. Failure to verify an outstanding transaction may result in Card suspension.
- **Register for an online account at participant.wageworks.com/NYSFSA.** When you register online and provide a current email, you ensure that you will have 24/7 access to your account and will be automatically signed up to receive important updates and alerts. You also must have an account to use the mobile app and take advantage of features like Upload Receipts for online claims and Card usage requests.
- **Keep track of your FSA account balance.** Plan ahead to make sure you spend the full amount of your balance.

Managing Your Account

You can manage and check on your account through WageWorks online or over the phone. The “Claims and Activity” page online details all your account activity and will even alert you if any Card transactions need verification.

For the latest information, visit participant.wageworks.com/NYSFSA and log in to your account 24/7. In addition to reviewing your most recent FSA activity, you can:

- Update your account preferences and personal information.
- View your transaction and account history.
- Schedule payments to healthcare and dependent care providers.
- Check the complete list of eligible expenses for your FSA program.
- Order additional Cards for your family.
- Download the EZ Receipts smartphone or mobile device app to file claims and Card use paperwork.

Using Your FSA Dollars

When you pay for an eligible healthcare or dependent care expense, you want to put your FSA account to work right away. WageWorks gives you several options to use your money the way you choose.

Your WageWorks Healthcare Card

Use your Card instead of cash or credit at healthcare providers and pharmacies for eligible services, goods, and prescriptions. You can also use the Card at general merchants and drug stores that have an industry standard (IIAS) checkout system that can automatically verify if the item is eligible for purchase with your account.

- Go to www.sigis.org to review a list of qualified merchants, like drug stores, supermarkets, and warehouse stores, that accept the Card.
- When you swipe your Card at the checkout, choose “credit” (even though it isn’t a credit card).
- Pay for services or purchases on the same day you receive them. If your health plan covers a portion of the cost, make sure you know what amount you need to pay before using the Card, by presenting your health plan member ID card first, so the merchant can identify your copay or coinsurance amount and ensure the service is claimed to your healthcare or vision insurance plan.
- Save your receipts or digital copies. You will need them for tax purposes. Plus, even when your Card is approved, a detailed receipt may still be requested.
- If you’ve lost or can’t produce a receipt for an expense, your options may range from submitting a substitute receipt to paying back the plan for the amount of the transaction.
- If you use your Card at an eye doctor’s office, we will most likely ask you to submit an Explanation of Benefits (EOB) or other documentation for verification. Failure to do so may result in your Card being suspended.
- If you lose your Card, please call WageWorks immediately and order a new one. You will be responsible for any charges until you report the lost Card.

Using your smartphone or mobile device

With the WageWorks EZ Receipts app, you can file and manage your reimbursement claims and Card usage paperwork on the spot, with a click of your smartphone or mobile device camera, from anywhere.

To use EZ Receipts:

- Download the EZ Receipts app from your app store.
- Log in to your account.
- Choose the type of receipt from the simple menu.
- Enter some basic information about the claim or Card transaction.
- Use your smartphone camera or device to capture the documentation.
- Submit the image and details to WageWorks.

Paying online

You can pay many of your eligible healthcare and dependent care expenses directly from your FSA account with no need to fill out paper forms.* It’s quick, easy, secure, and available online at any time.

To pay a provider:

- Log in to your FSA account at participant.wageworks.com/NYSFSA.
- Click “Submit Receipt or Claim.”
- Request “Pay My Provider” from the menu and follow the instructions.
- Make sure to provide an invoice or appropriate documentation.

When you’re done, WageWorks will schedule the checks to be sent in accordance with the payment guidelines. If you pay for eligible recurring expenses, follow the online instructions to set up automatic payments.

* You must, however, provide documentation. For more information about the documentation requirements and payment guidelines, visit participant.wageworks.com/NYSFSA.

Filing a claim

You also can file a claim online to request reimbursement for your eligible expenses.

- Go to participant.wageworks.com/NYSFSA, log in to your account and click “Submit Receipt or Claim.”
- Select “Pay Me Back.”
- Fill in all the information requested on the form and submit.
- Scan or clearly photograph your receipts, EOBs and other supporting documentation.
- Attach supporting documentation to your claim by using the upload utility.
- Make sure your documentation includes the five following pieces of information required by the IRS:
 - ✓ Date of service or purchase
 - ✓ Detailed description
 - ✓ Provider or merchant name
 - ✓ Patient name
 - ✓ Patient portion or amount owed

Most claims are processed within one to two business days after they are received and payments are sent shortly thereafter.

If you prefer to submit a paper claim by fax or mail, download a Pay Me Back claim form at flexspend.ny.gov or participant.wageworks.com/NYSFSA and follow the instructions for submission.