# DEPENDENT CARE FSA (DCA) COVERED AND EXCLUDED EXPENSES

## COVERED EXPENSES

- Au Pair (for children under age 13)
- Babysitter (cannot be a tax dependent or spouse, for children under age 13)
- Before & after school care (for children under age 13)
- Nanny (for children under age 13)
- Pre-K or preschool tuition
- Registration fees (reimbursed after services being paid for are incurred)
- Summer day camp

## POTENTIALLY COVERED EXPENSES

- Care for spouse or other tax dependent who is physically or mentally incapable of self-care (must reside in member's home at least 8 hours a day)
- Elder day care for spouse or other tax dependent who is physically or mentally incapable of self-care (must reside in member's home at least 8 hours a day)
- Transportation fees, to & from (transportation provided by the dependent care provider to & from daycare)

### **EXCLUDED EXPENSES**

- Activity fees/meals (if fees can be separated out from cost of care)
- Child care placement fees
- Materials fees (if fees can be separated out from cost of care)
- Music/dance/swimming/etc. lessons
- Nursing home care
- Overnight camp
- Tuition for kindergarten or above

### NOTE:

Dependent care is for qualifying dependent children under the age of 13 and in some cases, adult daycare or elder care for a qualifying dependent. If parents are divorced, only the custodial parent is allowed reimbursement from a Dependent Care FSA, even if the child is not claimed on their taxes. The non-custodial parent cannot be reimbursed under a dependent care FSA even if they claim the child on their taxes. In order to be eligible for a dependent care FSA, the care provided must be for the purpose of the member and spouse, if married, to work or actively look for work.

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