

# Flexible Spending Accounts How they work and why you want to participate

The primary advantage to enrolling in an IRS approved Flexible Spending plan is to reduce your taxable income. The secondary advantage is to help offset your eligible out-of-pocket expenses. This plan, offered by your Employer, allows you to set aside PRE-TAX dollars for health and dependent care expenses that you would otherwise pay for with post-tax dollars. Flexible Spending Accounts (FSA) are exempt from federal taxes, Social Security taxes (FICA), and in most cases state income taxes.

For example, if you incur a deductible expense or office visit co-payment you may be reimbursed for those expenses through a Flexible Spending Account. The same holds true for qualifying dependent care expenses. This plan allows you the opportunity to save approximately 30% or more on the expenses you, your spouse, or your dependents already incur for health or dependent care.

#### The plan and process works like this:

- ► You elect to participate in either or both the health care or dependent care Flexible Spending plan
- Through payroll deduction, you begin setting pre-tax dollars aside based on your annual election
- ➤ You incur an expense that qualifies for reimbursement You may either:
  - ► Use your Benefits MasterCard for the purchase, if the merchant accepts the card, or
  - Pay out-of-pocket and submit a claim for reimbursement

#### To submit a claim for reimbursement:

- ► Complete a claim form (for instructions on how to submit a claim online please see page 6)
- Gather applicable receipts
- ► Send the completed claim form and receipts to Next Generation Enrollment
- A reimbursement will be issued to you from the funds in your FSA

Remember, the funds from that account were never taxed; that is how you will save approximately 30% or more on your health and/or dependent care expenses!

The IRS "use it or lose it" rule does not allow for a "rollover" provision. Funds that are not reimbursed under the plan will be forfeited. A list of eligible and ineligible expenses is also included. All claims and receipts submitted are reviewed and processed prior to issuing reimbursement (IRC § 125).

The information in this packet is a brief overview of Flexible Spending plans and is in no way meant to guarantee benefits. More detailed information regarding both the health and dependent care reimbursement plans can be found online at www.nextgenerationenrollment.com. From this site you will have access to tax savings illustrations, election worksheets, reimbursement forms and a listing of eligible expenses.

# Health Care Flexible Spending Plan Save potentially 30% or more on your out-of-pocket health care expenses

Health Care Flexible Spending plans are designed to help you save money on the out-of-pocket health care expenses you, your spouse or eligible dependents incur during the year. By contributing to this plan through payroll deduction, your Flexible Spending Account is funded from your check on a PRE-TAX basis. It is through this pre-tax deduction that you save a percentage of each dollar you spend on medical, dental, vision, and other health care related expenses that your insurance plans do not cover in full or are ineligible under the plans. Whether or not you are enrolled in the medical insurance plan through your employer, you are eligible for the Flexible Spending plan. The only way to take advantage of paying for these incurred expenses on a PRE-TAX basis is by participating in the Health Care Flexible Spending plan.

#### Eligible health care expenses may include:

- Office visit and prescription drug co-payments
- Deductibles
- ► Co-insurance
- Expenses not covered through your health plan
- Out-of-pocket dental, vision or hearing related expenses
- Bandages

#### Ineligible health care expenses may include:

- ► Insurance premiums
- ► If you itemize certain medical expenses on your income tax returns, those expenses cannot be submitted for reimbursement under this plan

Important Note: Effective 1/1/2011 drugs, medicines and biological items are no longer reimbursable under any Flexible Spending Plan without a prescription from a physician.



### **Eligible Medical Care Expenses**

Healthcare Flexible Spending Plan. Medical and dental expenses that qualify as expenses for medical care under IRS rules generally qualify as Eligible Expenses for reimbursement under the Plan. Those may take the form of co-pays, deductibles, and medical expenses not covered by other insurance. Often expenses that qualify for deductions under IRS rules are Eligible Expenses, but in some instances expenses that are deductible will not be reimbursable and expenses that are not deductible will be reimbursable. Some specific examples are identified below. The following is not an exhaustive list and there are other expenses that are eligible if they satisfy the IRS rules.

Limited Scope Healthcare Flexible Spending Plan. Only a limited number of the following expenses are Eligible Expenses for reimbursement under the Limited Scope ME Plan. In some cases, the expenses must be for dental, vision, or preventive care. Dental care expenses are listed under the "Dental & Orthodontic Care" section. Vision care expenses are listed under the "Vision Care" section. Expenses for preventive care may be found in any of the following sections, but they must satisfy the definition of "preventive care."

"Preventive care" includes periodic health examinations (e.g., annual physicals, routine prenatal and well-child care), immunizations, tobacco cessation and obesity weight-loss programs, and screening services that are not for the treatment of an existing illness, injury, or condition. Preventive care also includes treatment of a related condition during the preventive care service or screening. Preventive Care also includes preventive drugs/medications (e.g. drugs/medications taken by a person who has developed risk factors for a disease that has not yet manifested itself or taken to prevent the reoccurrence of a disease).

### Listing of Allowable and Disallowable Expenses

#### **Dental & Orthodontic Care**

Allowable expenses:

- ► Dental treatment
- Artificial teeth/dentures
- Braces, orthodontic devices

Expenses specifically disallowed by the IRS or courts:

- ► Teeth whitening
- ► Toothbrushes and toothpaste, even if special type is recommended by dentist

#### **Therapy Treatments**

Allowable expenses:

- ► X-ray treatments
- ► Treatment for alcoholism or drug dependency
- Legal sterilization
- Acupuncture
- ▶ Vaccinations
- ► Hair transplant
- ► Electrolysis
- Physical therapy (as a medical treatment)
- ► Fee to use swimming pool for exercises prescribed by physician to alleviate specific medical condition such as rheumatoid arthritis
- Speech therapy
- Smoking cessation programs and prescribed drugs to alleviate nicotine withdrawal

Expenses specifically disallowed by the IRS or courts:

- Physical treatments unrelated to a specific health problem (e.g., massage for general well being)
- ► Any illegal treatment
- Cosmetic surgery
- Treatment for baldness (unless it is for a specific medical condition and not for cosmetic purposes)



### Listing of Allowable and Disallowable Expenses CONTINUED

#### Fees/Services

Allowable expenses:

- Physician's fees and hospital services
- ► Nursing services for care of a specific medical ailment
- Cost of a nurse's room and board if paid by the taxpayer where nurse's services qualify
- Social Security tax paid with respect to wages of a nurse where nurse's services qualify
- Services of chiropractors
- ► Christian Science practitioner fees
- Diagnostic tests

Expenses specifically disallowed by the IRS or courts:

- Payments to domestic help, companion, babysitter, chauffeur, etc. who primarily render services of a nonmedical nature
- Nursemaids or practical nurses who render general care for healthy infants
- ► Fees for exercise, athletic, or health club membership when there is no specific health reason for needing membership
- Marriage counseling provided by clergyman

#### **Hearing Expenses**

Allowable expenses:

- Hearing aids and hearing aid battery
- Hearing aid repair
- ► Special telephone equipment

#### Medicine and Drugs

Allowable expenses:

- ► Medicine and drugs that require a prescription
- ► Insulin
- Prescribed over the counter medicine and drugs when used to alleviate or treat personal injuries or sickness (including antacids, antihistamines, aspirin/pain relievers, cold medicines, acne medicine, etc.)

Expenses specifically disallowed by the IRS or courts:

- Medicine and drugs for personal, general health, or cosmetic purposes
- ► Dietary supplements if for general health

#### Medical Equipment

Allowable expenses:

- ► Blood Sugar test kits
- ► Wheelchair or autoette (cost of operating/maintaining)
- Crutches (purchased or rented)
- ► Special mattress & plywood boards prescribed to alleviate arthritis
- Oxygen equipment and oxygen used to relieve breathing problems that result from a medical condition
- Artificial limbs
- Support hose (if medical necessary)
- ► Wigs (where necessary to mental health of individual who loses hair because of disease)
- Excess cost of orthopedic shoes over cost of ordinary shoes
- Breast pumps for nursing mothers

Expenses specifically disallowed by the IRS or courts:

- ► Wigs, when not medically necessary for mental health
- ► Vacuum cleaner purchased by an individual with dust allergy
- ► Mechanical exercise device not specifically prescribed by physician

#### **Physicals**

Allowable expenses:

- Physicals and other well visits
- ► Immunizations

Expenses specifically disallowed by the IRS or courts:

Physicals for employment purposes



### Listing of Allowable and Disallowable Expenses CONTINUED

#### **Vision Care**

#### Allowable expenses:

- Optometrist's or ophthalmologist's fees
- Eyeglasses and prescription sunglasses
- ► Insurance for replacement of lost or damaged contact lenses
- ► Contact lens and contact lens solutions
- ► Laser eye surgery

#### Assistance for the Handicapped

#### Allowable expenses:

- ► Cost of guide for a blind person
- Cost of note-taker for a deaf child in school
- Cost of Braille books and magazines in excess of cost of regular editions
- Seeing eye dog (cost of buying, training and maintaining)
- ► Household visual alert system for deaf person
- ► Excess costs of specifically equipping automobile for handicapped person over cost of ordinary automobile; device for lifting handicapped person into automobile
- Special devices, such as tape recorder and typewriter, for a blind person

#### Miscellaneous Charges

#### Allowable expenses:

- ► X-rays
- ► Expenses of services connected with donating an organ
- Excess cost of medically prescribed diet
- ► The cost of a medically prescribed weight loss program
- Breast reconstructive surgery following mastectomy as part of treatment for cancer
- Contraceptives
- Fertility treatments
- Medical records charges
- Bandages
- ► Lactation supplies for nursing mothers
- ► Cost of transportation (e.g.) mileage) primarily for and essential to medical care

#### Expenses specifically disallowed by the IRS or courts:

- Expenses of divorce when doctor or psychiatrist recommends divorce
- Cost of toiletries, cosmetics, and sundry items (e.g., soap, toothbrushes)
- Cost of special foods taken as a substitute for regular diet, when the special diet is not medically necessary or taxpayer cannot show cost in excess of cost of a normal diet
- Maternity clothes
- ► Diaper service
- Distilled water purchased to avoid drinking fluoridated county water supply
- ► Installation of power steering in automobile
- ► Pajamas purchased to wear in hospital
- Mobile telephone used for personal calls as well as calls to physician
- ► Union dues for sick benefits for members
- Contributions to state disability funds
- Auto insurance providing medical coverage for all persons injured in or by the taxpayer's automobile, where amounts allocable to taxpayer and dependent is not stated separately
- ► Long-term care services
- ► Funeral expenses

#### Insurance

#### Allowable expenses:

► None

#### Expenses specifically disallowed by the IRS or courts:

- ► Health insurance premiums (including individual and nonemployer sponsored coverage)
- ► Long term care insurance premiums



## Dependent Care Flexible Spending Plan (Child Care) Save potentially 30% or more on your dependent care expenses.

Dependent Care Flexible Spending plans are designed to help you save money on the child care expenses you and your spouse (if applicable) incur during the year. Child care expenses may include day care, nursery school costs, or after-school programs. This plan can also be used for expenses incurred in the care of elderly parents, a disabled spouse or a disabled child. Please note, the Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account is not for dependent medical expenses; this account is specifically for the care of your child or dependent while you and/or your spouse are at work or attending school.

By contributing to this plan through payroll deduction, your Dependent Care Flexible Spending Account is funded from your check on a PRE-TAX basis. It is through this pre-tax deduction you save a percentage of each dollar you spend on eligible dependent care expenses.

A requirement for eligibility is that you are employed and covered under this plan at the time your eligible dependent receives care.

#### You must also meet one of the following requirements for eligibility:

- Your spouse is working or looking for employment
- You are a single parent or guardian
- At a time when you are employed, your spouse is a full-time student at least five months during the year
- ► Your spouse is mentally or physically disabled and unable to provide for his/her own care
- You are legally separated or divorced and have custody of your child, even if you cannot claim an exemption for this dependent on your income taxes (for the time period that the child resides with you, this plan can be used to pay for child care services)

#### An Eligible Dependent is a qualifying individual spending at least eight hours a day in your home and is one of the following:

- ► Your dependent under age 13 for whom you claim an exemption on your income taxes (expenses are no longer eligible for reimbursement upon the dependent's thirteenth birthday)
- ► A child under the age of 13 for whom you have custody, if divorced or legally separated
- Your spouse, if mentally or physically unable to provide self care
- ► Your dependent, regardless of age, who is mentally or physically unable to provide self care, even if you cannot claim an exemption for this dependent on your income taxes

#### Eligible Expenses for Reimbursement include:

- Care received inside or outside your home by someone other than: your spouse, a person listed as a dependent on your income tax return, or one of your children under age 19; the child care provider must claim the payments received as income
- Care received from a qualifying child day care center or adult or dependent care center
- Care provided by a housekeeper as long as the services provided, in part, are for the care of a qualified dependent
- Care provided through nursery, preschool, after-school, or summer day camp programs
- ► Taxes for wages spent on eligible dependent care can also be submitted for reimbursement

#### **Ineligible Expenses**

Include, but are not limited to: dependent health care expenses, dependent care for a child age 13 or over, non work-related babysitting, care that is educational in nature (kindergarten and beyond), or overnight camp. All submitted claims and receipts are reviewed and processed prior to issuing reimbursement (IRC §125; 129).

By setting aside pre-tax dollars and participating in the Dependent Care Flexible Spending Plan, you can take advantage of paying for these incurred expenses on a PRE-TAX basis.



## How to Access Your Flexible Spending Account Online

At www.nextgenerationenrollment.com you are able to obtain helpful information pertaining to your Flexible Spending plan. To access claim forms, worksheets and a list of eligible expenses, click on "Participants," "FSA/HRA/HSA Participants," then "NGE Forms/FAQs." From our website, you will be able to log on to our administrative system and access and update your personal data, view account balances, report a lost or stolen card as well as submit a claim online.

#### First, access the NGE System

Please note: To best use this system, you may need to disable any pop up blockers.

- 1. Go to www.nextgenerationenrollment.com
- 2. Click on "Participants."
- 3. Click on "FSA/HRA/HSA Plan Participants."
- 4. Click on "FSA/HRA/HSA System Login."
- 5. First time users: click on "Register."
- 6. To create an account you will need your Employee ID and Employer ID, or Benefits MasterCard #.

If you do not have your Employee ID please contact NGE. You can email us at <u>clientservices@ngeinfo.com</u>, chat online at our Website, or call us at (888) 266–1732. After you have successfully created an account, you will have the ability to submit claims, check your balance, update your personal information and view past claims.

#### **Update your Personal Information**

- Under "My Profile" click on "Personal Information." Click the "Edit" button.
- 2. Update your address, phone number and email address.
- 3. Once complete, click on "Save."

## Add a Dependent or request a Benefits MasterCard for your Dependent

Click on "Contact Us" and send an email with the following information:

- 1. Dependent's first and last name
- 2. Dependent's date of birth
- 3. Dependent's last four SSN digits

#### Report a Lost or Stolen Card

- 1. Click on "Report a Card Lost/ Stolen"
- 2. Select Card #
- 3. Check box stating you would like a new card reissued
- 4. Click "Submit"

#### **View Claims**

- 1. Under "My Accounts" click "Transaction History."
- **2.** Click on the claim number or form to obtain detailed information regarding each claim.

#### Check your Balance

- Under "My Accounts," click on "Benefit Account Summary," then "View Details."
- 2. This will provide you with your Election, YTD Contributions, YTD Claims Submitted, Additional Allowable Claims and your Current Funds Available.

#### Submit a Claim

- Under "My Accounts," click on "Reimbursement Request." Click "Add New."
- **2.** Enter the Date of Service (this is the date you went to the doctor, bought the prescription, the date range for dependent care, etc.)
- 3. Enter the dollar amount of the service or item.
- 4. Select who the service was provided to, either yourself or your dependent. (If your dependent is not listed you may request them to be added by emailing us at clientservices@nextgenerationenrollment.com.) You may also select the employee name for all claims.
- 5. Enter the provider's name.
- **6.** Select the Account Type by dropping arrow down to select appropriate plan type (FSA Healthcare, FSA Dependent Care, etc.).
- **7.** You have the option of attaching the receipt to the claim. If you upload the receipt there is no need to fax or mail the claim form and receipts to NGE.
- 8. Use the notes section for any comments.
- 9. Click "Ok" if you are finished. If you have additional claims to enter, select the "Add New" option. Once you are done entering all claims click on the "Certification Box" and click the "Submit" button.
- 10. Click on "View Claim Submittal Form." If you attached the receipt to the claim, keep this form for your records. If you did not upload the receipts, print and send the form with your receipts to Next Generation Enrollment. These can be faxed to (888)267-0839. If you prefer to mail your form and receipts, please send to P.O. Box 527, Ada, MI 49301. Claims will be processed within two business days of receipt. Please keep all receipts and original documentation as required by the IRS.

## Managing your Flexible Spending Plan and Benefits MasterCard

#### Receiving Your Benefits MasterCard

A Benefits MasterCard will be ordered for you and, for security purposes will arrive at your home address in a plain white, unmarked envelope; the card is blue and states "Benefits Card". It is not necessary to activate your card, it will automatically activate upon your first use. If you order a second card for a dependent, please note that your Benefits MasterCard will arrive separately from the card for your dependent.

#### **Submitting Manual Claims**

If you do not use your Benefits MasterCard and need to submit an expense for reimbursement, please see the online claim submission instructions on page 6.

## Process for Providing/Obtaining Receipts from Benefits MasterCard Purchases (when requested)

You may be required to submit receipts for Benefits MasterCard purchases. You will receive an email or letter (if we do not have an email on file) notifying you if receipts are required for substantiation purposes. This notification will include instructions for submitting your receipts.

If you do not respond to the initial notification within ten days, a second notice will be generated. If you do not respond to the second notification within ten days, it will be assumed that your transaction was for an ineligible expense and your card will be temporarily inactivated.

If receipts are submitted and it is determined that the expense was ineligible, per IRC § 213(d), we will email an Ineligible Expense Notification and you will have ten days from that point to reimburse the plan for the ineligible purchase. If you have not reimbursed the plan within ten days, your card will be temporarily inactivated and your employer will payroll deduct the amount of undocumented expenses.

#### When and Where the Benefits MasterCard is Accepted

For the purchase of eligible over-the-counter expenses, the IRS requires merchants that are non-medical providers, such as grocery stores, convenience stores, warehouse clubs, supermarkets, discount stores, and online pharmacies to have an Inventory Information Approval System (IIAS). Through this system, eligible expenses are uniquely bar-coded; at the register when you purchase the item(s), the IIAS will automatically identify and validate items that are eligible for reimbursement through your Flexible Spending Account.

If the merchant is either listed below or on the IIAS merchant list that can be found in the publications section at www.sig-is.org, then the card will automatically substantiate your purchase and you will not have to submit a receipt. If the merchant is not listed below or on the IIAS merchant list as mentioned above, then your Benefits MasterCard will not be accepted. This does not mean that you cannot purchase eligible expenses at this store; it simply means that the Benefits MasterCard will not be accepted and you will need to pay for the items out-of-pocket and submit a manual claim for reimbursement.

New IIAS merchants are added each month. An up-to-date list of providers is available at www.sig-is.org. Some participating retailers include:

- ► Albertson's SuperValu
- ► A&P Supermarkets
- Busch's
- Cubs SuperValu
- CVS Pharmacy
- ► Dominick's
- ► Jewel SuperValu
- Kroger
- Meijer
- ► OSCO SuperValu
- Rite-Aid
- Safeway
- Sam's Club
- ► Sav-A-Center
- ► Target Stores
- Wal-Mart Stores
- Walgreens

#### **Pharmacies and Drug Stores**

The IRS requires all merchants accepting the Benefits MasterCard to implement the Inventory Information Approval System (IIAS). This allows your Benefits MasterCard to identify purchases at the point of sale. Retailers that are IIAS approved will accept your Benefits MasterCard and no receipts or proof of purchase will be requested from you.

Example: You shop at Target and purchase numerous items: bandaids, contact lens solution, socks and laundry detergent. The best method of using the Benefits MasterCard is to segment your purchase and pay for the eligible expenses (bandaids and contact lens solution) with the Benefits MasterCard and then pay for your remaining expenses however you choose.

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## Managing your Flexible Spending Plan and Benefits MasterCard CONTINUED

#### When Receipts Are Required For Benefits MasterCard Purchases

The Benefits MasterCard is also accepted at health care providers who supply health related items and services and who also accept MasterCard. Below is a list of services and the thresholds detailing when NGE will require the submission of receipts in order to validate the expense.

#### **Chiropractic Services**

Any amount charged to the card that is greater than \$75.

#### **Dental Care / Orthodontics**

Any amount charged to the card that is greater than \$250.

#### Doctor's Office / Emergency Room / Urgent Care

In general, if the amount of the charge matches the amount of the corresponding co-payment through your Medical Plan, or a multiple of the co-payment the card will be accepted. Any deviation from the co-payment schedule could result in a substantiation request.

#### **Vision Care Providers**

Any amount that is charged to the card that is greater than \$300.

#### **Laboratory / Diagnostic Services**

Any amount that is charged to the card that is greater than \$250.

#### 90% Rule - Pharmacies and Drug Stores

The IRS allows retailers that certify themselves according to the 90% rule, the ability to accept your Benefits MasterCard. This means if 90% of goods sold at the retailer are eligible health care expenses, your Benefits MasterCard will be accepted. A list of those retailers will be found at www.sig-is.org. Some examples include: Walgreens, Express Scripts, Medco and more. In some cases however, you may be requested to substantiate your purchases from these retailers.

#### Non IIAS Approved Pharmacies and Drug Stores

For retailers who do not have the IIAS bar-coding system, your Benefits MasterCard will not be accepted and you will need to pay for the items out-of-pocket and submit a manual claim for reimbursement.

#### **Dependent Care Claims**

You may be required to substantiate your dependent care expenses.

Should you ever have any questions regarding the Benefits MasterCard, please reach us at (888) 266-1732.

It is important to note that each time you swipe your Benefits MasterCard you are certifying that, to the best of your knowledge, the items or services you are purchasing are legitimate expenses in accordance with your Plan and that they will not be submitted under any other Flexible Spending plan. You also certify that upon request, you will submit the necessary documentation to verify your purchase or service. This is an IRS regulated plan, therefore we recommend retaining all documentation from purchases made with your Benefits MasterCard.

Important Note: Effective 1/1/2011 drugs, medicines and biological items are no longer reimbursable under any Flexible Spending Plan without a prescription from a physician.

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# Health Care Reform and Flexible Spending Accounts Changes to Over-the-counter Eligibility for Reimbursement

In March 2010, President Obama signed the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act and the Health Care and Education Reconciliation Act of 2010 (collectively "the Act"). The Act includes a number of modifications to employee benefit programs. One provision that affected employee participants beginning January 1, 2011 was the requirement for over-the-counter (OTC) drugs, medicines and biologicals to be accompanied by a physician's prescription in order to be eligible for reimbursement under health flexible spending accounts (FSAs), health reimbursement arrangements (HRAs) and health savings accounts (HSAs).

Though the specific list of items affected has not been completely assessed, the following categories of OTC items will require a doctor's prescription as of January 1, 2011 in order to be eligible for reimbursement through an FSA, HRA or HSA:

- Acid Controllers
- ► Allergy & Sinus
- ► Antibiotic Products
- Anti-Diarrheal
- ► Anti-Gas
- ► Anti-Itch & Insect Bite
- Anti-parasitic Treatments
- ► Baby Rash Ointments/Creams
- Cold Sore Remedies

- ► Cough, Cold & Flu
- Digestive Aids
- ► Feminine Anti-Fungal/Anti-Itch
- Laxatives
- Motion Sickness
- ► Pain Relief
- Respiratory Treatments
- ► Sleep Aids & Sedatives
- Stomach Remedies

The Act will also impact the use of all Benefit MasterCards. Beginning January 1, 2011, items that require a doctor's prescription for reimbursement can no longer be auto substantiated at the point-of-sale. Therefore, purchases of OTC drugs, medicines and biologicals will require another form of payment. The employee can then submit a claim or request for reimbursement by using a reimbursement form and submitting the receipt for the purchase along with the doctor's prescription for the item purchased. This change affects only OTC drugs, medicines and biologicals; bandages, home health-aids and other OTC items (mentioned below) will still be eligible and can be purchased using the Benefit MasterCard without further documentation.

The following are examples of some of the OTC items that will remain eligible for reimbursement without a doctor's prescription:

- Band Aids
- ► Birth Control
- ► Braces & Supports
- Catheters
- Contact Lens Supplies & Solutions
- Denture Adhesives
- ► Diagnostic Tests & Monitors

- Elastic Bandages & Wraps
- First Aid Supplies
- ► Insulin & Diabetic Supplies
- Ostomy Products
- ► Reading Glasses
- Wheelchairs, Walkers, Canes

Please feel free to contact Next Generation Enrollment with questions regarding the change to OTC eligibility and reimbursement at (888) 266–1732.