Checklist of Medical Expenses Eligible for Reimbursement under a Section 125 Cafeteria Plan

Acupuncture
Adoption related medical costs
Air conditioner for allergy relief
Alcoholism treatment
Ambulance services
Attendant for blind or deaf student
Autoette
Birth control pills
Blind persons accessories (seeing eye dog, Braille training, special schooling)
Capital expenditures (home modifications for handicapped)
Car modifications for handicapped
Childbirth prep classes (mother only)
Chiropractors
Christian Science treatment
Contact lenses (including replacement insurance)
Cosmetic Surgery (non-elective only)
Crutches
Deaf persons accessories (hearing aids, special schooling)
Dental fees
Dentures
Diagnostic fees
Doctors’ fees
Domestic aid (in home nurse)
Drug addiction treatment
Dyslexia language training
Electrolysis (medical reasons only)
Elevator for cardiac conditions
Eye exams and glasses
Fertility enhancement
Fluoride device
Guide animals
Hair transplant (surgical and medical reasons)
Hearing aids
HMO’s
Hospital care (in-patient)
Indian medicine man
Insulin
Insurance premiums (medical post-tax only)
Iron lung
Lab fees
Laetrile (legal use)
Laser eye surgery
Lead paint removal
Learning disability (doctor recommended special schooling fees)
Legal expenses related to medical condition
Lifetime medical care prepaid-retirement home
Limbs (artificial)
Lodging (for medical care away from home)
Long Term Care Contracts (qualified medical only)
Long Term Care Services (qualified medical only)
Meals (medical care away from home)
Medical conferences (relating to illness)
Nursing home (medical reasons)
Nursing services (home care)
Operation (legal, including abortion)
Organ Donor
Orthodontia
Orthopedic shoes
Osteopaths
Oxygen equipment
Prescription Drugs *(See note below)*
Psychiatric care
Psychotherapists
Sexual dysfunction treatment
Sterilization
Stop Smoking Programs (and related stop smoking prescription drugs only)
Swimming pool (for polio or arthritis treatment)
Telephone equipment (for hearing impaired)
Television close caption prescribed by doctor
Vasectomy
Weight loss programs (doctor prescribed for medical reasons)
Wheelchair
Wigs (alleviation of physical or mental discomfort)
X-rays

**NOTE:**

Pursuant to Revenue Ruling 2003-102, over-the-counter drugs that are used to alleviate or treat personal injuries or sickness are now reimbursable through health care flexible spending accounts. The following is a list of common non-prescription over-the-counter items eligible for reimbursement, dual purpose items that may be reimbursable with a physician’s statement and items that are not reimbursable.

This list does not include all reimbursable items but is the best guidance provided by the Internal Revenue Service to date.
Eligible Expenses

The following is a list of over-the-counter items the IRS has determined to be primarily for medical care and eligible for reimbursement when purchased without a prescription.

Allergy medicine    Menstrual cycle products for pain/cramps
Antacids           Motion sickness pills
Bactine            Muscle or joint pain products
Band-Aids/bandages Nasal sinus sprays/strips
Anti-diarrhea medicine Nicotine gum/patches for stop-smoking
Bug-bite medication Pain relievers
Calamine lotion     PediaLyte for ill child dehydration
Carpal-tunnel wrist supports Pregnancy test kits
Cold medicines     Reading glasses
Cold/hot packs for injuries Rubbing alcohol
Condoms            Sinus medications
Contact lens cleaning solution Sleeping aids to treat insomnia
Cough drops        Spermicidal foam
Diaper rash ointments Sunburn ointments or creams
First aid cream/First aid kits Thermometers (ear or mouth)
Hemorrhoid medication Throat lozenges
Incontinence supplies Visine and other eye products
Laxatives          Wart remover treatments
Liquid adhesive for small cuts

Dual Purposes Items

The following list of dual-purpose over-the-counter items can be reimbursed if used for medical purposes. They must be accompanied by a medical practitioner’s note stating the item is to treat a specific medical condition and not a cosmetic procedure.

- Acne treatment (Retin A) only to treat a specific medical condition such as acne vulgaris
- Dietary supplements or herbal medicines to treat medical conditions in narrow circumstances
- Fiber supplements under narrow circumstances
- Glucosamine/chondroitin for arthritis or other medical conditions
- Orthopedic shoes and inserts (only the cost difference between orthopedic and non-orthopedic shoes will be reimbursed)
- Hormone therapy and treatment for menopause symptoms such as hot flashes and night sweats
- Pills for lactose intolerance
- Prenatal vitamins
- St. John’s Wort for depression
- Sunscreen
- Weight-loss drugs to treat a specific disease including obesity
**Ineligible Expenses**

The following list of over-the-counter items will not be reimbursed under any circumstances since they are toiletries or cosmetics likely for general health and well being.

- Chapstick
- Face cream, moisteners
- Medicated shampoos and soaps
- One-a-day vitamins
- Suntan lotion

*Note: The above are representative lists and do not include all ineligible and eligible reimbursable items.*