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Appendix - Qualified Medical Expenses

The qualified medical expenses that can be reimbursed by an HRA are limited to expenses for medical care (as defined in the federal tax code) for the employee and his or her spouse and dependents, to the extent those expenses are not reimbursed by any other health coverage. The federal tax code defines medical care expenses as amounts paid for the diagnosis, cure, mitigation or treatment of a disease, and for treatments affecting any part or function of the body. The expenses must be primarily to alleviate a physical or mental defect or illness.

The products and services listed below are examples of medical expenses that may be eligible for payment under your HRA, when such services are not covered by your health plan. This list is not exhaustive; additional expenses may qualify as medical expenses, and the items listed below are subject to change. Also, your HRA plan may have additional restrictions on the types of expenses it will reimburse.

Under a rule that went into effect Jan. 1, 2011, over-the-counter medicine or drug expenses (other than insulin) cannot be reimbursed without a prescription. This rule does not apply to items for medical care that are not medicines or drugs.

- Acupuncture
- Alcoholism treatment
- Ambulance
- Annual physical exam
- Artificial limb
- Artificial teeth
- Bandages
- Birth control pills
- Body scan
- Breast pumps and supplies
- Breast reconstruction surgery following mastectomy
- Capital expenses (improvements or special equipment installed to a home, if meant to accommodate a disabled condition)
- Car modifications or special equipment installed for a person with a disability
- Chiropractor
- Contact lenses
- Crutches
- Dental treatment (not including teeth whitening)
- Diagnostic devices
- Disabled dependent care expenses (medical care of the disabled dependent)



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- Drug addiction treatment
- Eye exam
- Eye glasses
- Eye surgery
- Fertility enhancement (for example, in vitro fertilization or surgery)
- Guide dog or other service animal
- Hospital services
- Insurance premiums for medical care (in certain circumstances)
- Laboratory fees
- Lactation expenses
- Lodging at a hospital or similar institution
- Long-term care
- Medical conference expenses, if the conference concerns a chronic illness of yourself, your spouse or your dependent
- Medical information plan
- Medications, if prescribed
- Nursing services
- Operations
- Optometrist
- Osteopath
- Oxygen
- Physical exam
- Pregnancy test kit
- Prosthesis
- Psychiatric care
- Psychologist
- Psychoanalysis
- Sterilization
- Stop-smoking programs



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- Surgery
- Special telephone for hearing-impaired individuals
- Television for hearing-impaired individuals
- Therapy received as medical treatment
- Transplants
- Transportation for medical care
- Vasectomy
- Vision correction surgery
- Weight-loss program if it is a treatment for a specific disease
- Wheelchair
- X-rays