

Tax Savings

Whether you are an individual, part of a dual-income household or a couple with one working spouse, a Flexible Spending Account will provide you with additional benefits and more take-home pay.

INDIVIDUAL

In the illustration below, the single employee earns \$42,000. She uses the flex plan to pay for her health insurance co-payments, deductibles and vision expenses. By using a flex plan, she increases her take-home pay by \$468. That is additional take-home pay she can use for herself!

WORKING COUPLE WITH DEPENDENTS

This husband and wife both work. They have two children and make a total combined income of \$114,000. They use the flex plan to help pay for orthodontia and child care for their younger child. The chart shows that this couple increases their monthly take-home by \$227 a month or \$2,724 total this year. That gives them additional money for the emergency expenses every family has and allows them to set some money aside to fund an additional retirement plan.

COUPLE – ONE WORKING SPOUSE

With grown children and only one spouse working, this couple has no child-care expenses. The annual salary of the working spouse is \$90,000. They use the flex plan to meet their health insurance deductibles and to pay for dental care expenses. The flex plan increases the spouse's take-home pay by \$52 per month, or \$624 for the year – a nice raise for the family budget!

Monthly Expenses	Individual		Working Couple With Dependents**		Couple- One Working Spouse***	
	WITHOUT FSA	WITH FSA	WITHOUT FSA	WITH FSA	WITHOUT FSA	WITH FSA
Gross Monthly Income	\$3,500	\$3,500	\$9,500	\$9,500	\$7,500	\$7,500
Less Non-Deductible Benefits						
Medical/Dental Expenses		\$150		\$300		\$200
Child Care Expenses				\$400		
Total Monthly Income Subject to Tax	\$3,500	\$3,350	\$9,500	\$8,800	\$7,500	\$7,300
Monthly Federal & State Taxes*	\$422	\$395	\$939	\$766	\$534	\$498
Monthly Social Security & Medicare Taxes	\$268	\$256	\$727	\$673	\$574	\$558
After Tax Income	\$2,810	\$2,699	\$7,834	\$7,361	\$6,392	\$6,244
After Tax Expenses						
Medical/Dental Expenses	\$150		\$300		\$200	
Child Care Expenses			\$400			
Monthly Spendable Income	\$2,660	\$2,699	\$7,134	\$7,361	\$6,192	\$6,244
Annual Increase in Take-Home Pay		\$468		\$2,724		\$624

*Federal and state taxes reflect 2023 federal tax rates and typical state taxes with standard deductions and exemptions.

**Working couple assumes married filing jointly, with two children under age 13 for which eligible child care expenses are incurred.

***Couple with one working spouse assumes married filing jointly.