FSAFEDS/High Deductible Health Plans and FEDVIP

If you are planning to enroll in an FSAFEDS Health Care Flexible Spending Account (HCFSA) or Limited Expense Health Care Flexible Spending Account (LEX HCFSA), or any flexible spending account, you should consider how coverage under a FEDVIP plan will affect your annual expenses, and thus the amount that you should allot to an FSAFEDS account. Please note that insurance premiums are not eligible expenses for either type of FSA.

Please review IRS - Publication 969, Health Savings Accounts and Other Tax-Favored Health Plans for additional information about carryover and contribution amounts for the upcoming tax year. If you have an HCFSA or LEX HCFSA FSAFEDS account and you have not exhausted your funds by December 31 of the plan year, FSAFEDS can automatically carry over a set maximum amount of unspent funds into another health care or limited expense account for the subsequent year. To be eligible for carryover, you must be employed by an agency that participates in FSAFEDS and actively making allotments from your pay through December 31. You must also actively re-enroll in a health care or limited expense account during the next Open Season to be carryover eligible. Your re-enrollment must meet the minimum contribution amount for the plan year. If you do not re-enroll, or if you are not employed by an agency that participates in FSAFEDS and actively making allotments from your pay through December 31, your funds will not be carried over.

Because of the tax benefits an FSA provides, the IRS requires that you forfeit any money for which you did not incur an eligible expense and file a claim in the time permitted. This is known as the “Use-it-or-Lose-it” rule. Carefully consider the amount you will elect.

Current FSAFEDS participants must re-enroll to participate in the program next year. See www.fsafeds.gov or call 1-877-FSAFEDS (372-3337) or TTY: 1-866-353-8058. **Note: FSAFEDS is not open to retired employees or to TRICARE-eligible individuals.**

If you enroll or are enrolled in a high deductible health plan with a health savings account (HSA) or health reimbursement arrangement (HRA), you may use your HSA or HRA to pay for qualified dental/vision costs not covered by your FEHB/PSHB and/or FEDVIP plans.