



DEPENDENT CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (DeCAP) CLAIMS FORM

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1) INSTRUCTIONS AND IMPORTANT INFORMATION

1. A "Plan Year" is the calendar year, or for a newly eligible employee, any remaining portion thereof.
2. Reimbursements can only be made for expenses resulting from services provided in the applicable Plan Year. However, if services provided begin in one Plan Year and end in the next Plan Year, a claims form for each Plan Year is required. No reimbursement can be made prior to services being performed.
3. You may submit claims once a month, however, only claims received by the close of the month will be processed for that month. Once your claims are approved, you will receive reimbursement at the end of the following month.
4. The deadline to submit claims is the last day of the Plan Year (December 31st). You should submit your claims in a timely fashion. However, there is a Claims Run-Out Period until February 28th following the close of the Plan Year to submit claims for services provided during the previous Plan Year. Claims received after February 28th will not be processed.
5. **Any unclaimed year-end balance in your account will not be carried to the next Plan Year and will be forfeited.**
6. Dependent care reimbursement requests must be signed by your service provider with his/her name, address, and Federal Tax ID Number or Social Security Number. Requests will not be processed without this information.
7. **Definitions:**
 - a) **Eligible Employment-Related Dependent Care Expenses:** Services which are provided to enable you and your spouse, if married, to remain employed or attend school full-time and which are related to the care of one or more dependent care recipients (including household services related to such care). Services may be provided within or outside your home. If your spouse is not employed, dependent care expenses are eligible for reimbursement only if your spouse is incapacitated or a full-time student. Benefits for eligible employment-related dependent care expenses may not be more than your and your spouse's earned income. A spouse who is self-employed must provide a description of occupation on letterhead stationery; or without letterhead stationery, notarization is required.
 - b) **Dependent Care Recipient:** Any dependent claimed on your tax return who lives with you for more than half of the year in the Plan Year and is either: (i) a child (son, daughter, stepson, or stepdaughter) under age thirteen (13); (ii) a dependent (such as your handicapped child of any age) or spouse who is physically or mentally incapable of caring for himself/herself; or (iii) any other dependent whose gross income for the Plan Year is less than the IRS maximum annual salary.
 - c) **Qualifying Caregiver:** A person performing eligible employment-related dependent care services who is (i) not your dependent; (ii) not your spouse; or (iii) not your child or your spouse's child unless he/she has attained the age of nineteen (19) at the close of the Plan Year in which the services were provided.
 - d) **Qualifying Day Care Center:** Care at licensed nursery schools, pre-schools, day camps (not overnight camps), and child or adult care centers which provide day care. The day care center must: (i) comply with all applicable laws and regulations of the state, city, town, or village in which it is located; (ii) provide care for more than six (6) individuals (other than individuals who reside at the day care center); and (iii) receive a fee, payment, or grant from any individual to whom it provides services (regardless of whether facility is operated for a profit).
8. Be sure to sign and date this form. Return your completed form to the address shown above. You may obtain additional claims forms on the FSA website at nyc.gov/fsa