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The college offers both Medical and Dependent Care Flexible Spending Accounts. Contributions and reimbursements are not subject to federal, New York state or city income taxes. Thus, rather than paying for eligible expenses with after-tax dollars, participants can realize sizable tax savings by using pretax dollars. The minimum amount for participation in either plan is $200. In accordance with IRS regulations, any amounts remaining in these account(s) must be forfeited unless a request for reimbursement is submitted by the following March 31 for expenses incurred during the plan year.

Health Care Reimbursement Account
This account reimburses eligible out-of-pocket health care expenses not paid by health insurance. The maximum annual amount is $4,000.

Dependent Care Reimbursement Account
This account is for eligible expenses incurred in providing care for eligible dependents in order that the employee and their spouse may work. Pursuant to IRS regulations at the time of this publishing, the maximum amount, per family, is $5,000 under this program.

You can be reimbursed for certain health care expenses, such as:
- charges for medically necessary services not reimbursed by medical and dental plans, including but not limited to the following:
  - deductibles
  - out-of-pocket expenses
  - copayments
  - coinsurance
  - charges exceeding reasonable and customary amounts
  - charges exceeding plan limits
  - prescription drug charges exceeding the network
  negotiated price may be reimbursed
- all medically necessary prescription drugs and certain other prescription drugs permitted by the IRS
  (e.g., contraceptives and pre-natal vitamins)
- certain over-the-counter non-prescription medicines, such as allergy and cold medications, aspirin and antacids, if they are intended to alleviate or treat personal injuries or sickness
- eye exams, glasses (frames and lenses), contact lenses and solutions for contact lenses
- hearing exams, hearing aids
- for special schools on the recommendation of a physician, including schools for the mentally impaired, physically disabled or individuals with severe learning disabilities

For a complete list of IRS approved medical and dental expenses, please visit http://www.irs.gov/publications/p502/

For a complete list of IRS approved child and dependent care expenses, please visit http://www.irs.gov/publications/p503/