

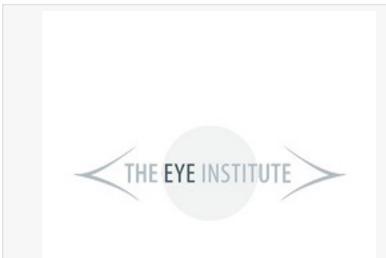
FSA Funds Expiring Soon: The Eye Institute Offers Vision Care Tips as Year-End Approaches

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RALEIGH, NC, UNITED STATES, November 25, 2024 / EINPresswire.com/ -- As the end of the year approaches, it's a great time to remember the value of Flexible Spending Accounts (FSAs) for covering important healthcare expenses. FSAs provide a helpful way to use pre-tax dollars for eligible medical costs, offering substantial tax benefits. However, these funds often follow a "use it or lose it" rule, with many plans having a deadline of December 31. Any unused funds by that date may not roll over, so taking action before the year ends is key.

Directing FSA dollars toward vision care is an excellent way to prioritize eye health and maintain comfort. A variety of eye care services and products are covered, making it easy to choose options that best support well-being and long-term visual health.

Tips for Maximizing FSA Funds Before Year-End



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TEI Eye Exam

1. Schedule Comprehensive Eye Exams: Comprehensive eye exams not only update

prescriptions but also play a key role in detecting eye conditions such as glaucoma, cataracts, and macular degeneration at their earliest stages. Leveraging FSA funds for this essential service helps maintain optimal eye health and promotes long-term visual wellness.

2. Update Eyewear: Eyewear is an investment in daily comfort and vision quality. For those whose prescription has changed or whose glasses show signs of wear, using FSA funds to purchase new prescription glasses or



TEI Lipiflow Treatment 1

lenses is a practical way to ensure clarity and comfort. Prescription sunglasses, which provide additional UV protection, also qualify under FSA allowances.

- 3. Purchase Contact Lenses and Supplies: Contact lenses offer a convenient and flexible vision correction option. Whether switching to contacts for the first time or maintaining an existing supply, FSA funds can be applied toward purchasing lenses and essential supplies like contact solution and cases, making them an excellent use of pre-tax savings.
- 4. Consider Neurolens: Reducing eye discomfort and improving vision alignment can greatly enhance day-to-day comfort, and Neurolens provides a unique solution for those who experience digital eye strain or headaches due to misalignment. Neurolens lenses are an eligible expense for FSA funds, offering relief and long-term visual benefits.
- 5. Stock Up on Eye Care Accessories: A variety of eye care products, including contact lens solutions, cleaning supplies, and specialized eye drops, are eligible expenses under most FSA plans. Stocking up on these essentials before the plan's expiration date helps ensure continued eye comfort and hygiene throughout the coming months.
- 6. Address Dry Eye Symptoms: Dry eyes can cause discomfort and disrupt daily activities. Relief options range from simple eye drops to specialized treatments, depending on the severity of symptoms. Utilizing FSA funds for these treatments supports ongoing comfort and health, especially during drier winter months.

The Eye Institute's Specialized Dry Eye Services

If regular methods like artificial tears and hydration aren't providing sufficient relief, it may be time to seek help from a medical professional. The Eye Institute specializes in diagnosing and treating all types of dry eye, from mild seasonal discomfort to chronic, persistent cases that interfere with daily life. Ideal candidates for specialized care at TEI include individuals who experience:

Persistent dryness, irritation, or redness that doesn't improve with over-the-counter solutions. Blurry vision or a feeling of grittiness or sand in the eyes.

Eye fatigue, particularly after prolonged screen use or exposure to indoor heating.

Discomfort that disrupts daily activities, such as reading or driving.

With advanced diagnostic tools and a compassionate approach, The Eye Institute provides individualized care to help patients manage and improve their dry eye symptoms. TEI's specialized Dry Eye Center offers state-of-the-art treatments, such as:

Year-End FSA Utilization: A Timely Reminder

As December approaches, a surge in vision care appointments often occurs as patients aim to <u>maximize their FSA benefits</u>. This period provides an opportunity to prioritize health, invest in quality eye care, and avoid the loss of unused funds. Whether through eye exams, eyewear upgrades, or treatment for common issues, using FSA funds helps maintain both visual and financial wellness.

Timely appointments allow patients to take advantage of remaining FSA funds, ensuring that the year concludes with proactive steps toward comprehensive eye care.

Don't Forget About HSA Benefits

While FSAs often follow a "use it or lose it" rule, Health Savings Accounts (HSAs) offer greater flexibility since unused funds can roll over year after year. However, year-end is still an excellent time to make the most of your HSA savings by investing in eligible vision care expenses like eye exams, new eyewear, or advanced treatments. Taking advantage of HSA funds now ensures you're prioritizing your eye health while maximizing long-term financial benefits.

About The Eye Institute

The Eye Institute is committed to providing high-quality vision care services for patients of all ages. With a focus on comprehensive eye health, offerings include routine eye exams, prescription glasses and contact lenses, and advanced treatments for dry eye and other ocular conditions. Dedicated to supporting patients' well-being, The Eye Institute strives to ensure optimal visual health with personalized and attentive care. Reach out to The Eye Institute online today to schedule an appointment.

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