



Carryover Changes – Medical FSA

At the end of the plan year, you may allow a carryover in which participants may move a portion of their unused account balances to the next plan year, even if the participant did not re-enroll in the plan. Any unused funds (exceeding the Carryover/Rollover maximum) are forfeited to the employer.

Carryover occurs after the transition period (claims runout period) end date. During the runout period, participants in past and current plan years may request reimbursements from both respective plan years.

Why should you consider making a change?

The IRS has increased the \$500 limit on carryover for 2020 to \$550. The notice allows plan sponsors to amend the plan to increase carryover amounts for their 2020 as long as the plan amendment is made by the end of the 2020 plan year. Please note: these changes are *optional* for employers but require a Plan Amendment/Summary of Material Modification (SMM) should the employer want to extend these changes for their plan.

Things to Know:

Increasing or implementing a carryover is allowed

Changes to carryover may require a two-week notice

Due to high demand for plan changes, administrators may require a two-week notice before extending or implementing a carryover.

- Carryover does not apply to all accounts

Carryover is not used in conjunction with accounts that have grace period. Carryover is commonly used for Healthcare FSA, Parking Accounts, and Transit Accounts.

Consider the following carryover need:

- Employee has leftover FSA funds they couldn't spend due to stay-at-home mandates and quarantines.
- Implementing a carryover allows employees to use their leftover funds into the next plan year.

Additional Resources

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