

## General Questions on the Pro-Flex Prepaid Benefits Card

Employers and employees may have questions about the requirements for submitting receipts when the Pro-Flex Prepaid Benefits Card is used to pay for a service. This handout provides an explanation of the receipt substantiation requirements.

## IRS Rules Govern Substantiation Requirements

The IRS has established specific guidelines that require all Flexible Spending Account (FSA) and Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) transactions — even those made using a healthcare payment card — to be substantiated (verified that the purchase was an eligible medical expense).

The substantiation process is performed by Evolution1. We are very diligent in the execution of the substantiation process to avoid adverse tax consequences to employees.

## Common Misconceptions about Receipt Requirements

1. If the Payment Card is used for an eligible service, no further receipts or documentation are needed to support the expense.
2. Any claim at a doctor, dentist or vision provider will not require receipts.

These misconceptions are *NOT TRUE!* Since not all services from a medical, dental, vision or a non IIAS pharmacy provider are eligible expenses, itemized receipts are required to verify eligibility. For example, a dentist may perform teeth whitening, which is not eligible for reimbursement.



## IIAS and Auto Substantiation

Inventory Information Approval System (IIAS) is a new Federal Government mandated system used by pharmacy merchants that identifies eligible prescription and over the counter items and limits FSA and HRA healthcare payment cards to only those eligible items.

This system makes it easier for account holders to manage eligible over-the-counter and pharmacy expenses, since the merchants automatically substantiate purchases at the point of sale.

All supermarkets, grocery stores, department stores, and wholesale clubs are required to implement the IIAS merchant program or they cannot accept healthcare payment cards. For a regularly updated list of these stores and pharmacies, please choose the IIAS Merchants link on your consumer portal and look for retailers that are certified IIAS compliant.

## Always Save Itemized Receipts

Employees should save their itemized receipts from every healthcare payment card transaction and all of the explanation of benefits (EOBs) they receive from health/pharmacy/dental plans.

An easy approach for keeping this information on hand is to designate one envelope or folder to store all itemized healthcare payment card receipts and EOBs. Using this process will help employees find documentation if requested.

## Information Required on Documentation

All receipts or documentation must include the following information:

- Name of person who incurred the service or expense
- Name and address of the provider or merchant
- Date of service for the amount charged
- Detailed description of the service
- Amount due for the service provided

EOBs contain all of the required information and are excellent sources of documentation. *Credit card receipts and cancelled checks are not acceptable!*

Receipts for over-the-counter (OTC) and prescription items do not need to include the person's name, but must display the name of the item (e.g. band aids).

## Requests for substantiation

If a debit card transaction is not auto-substantiated, the plan administrator will send you request for documentation via email or traditional mail.

