OVERVIEW

The Dependent Care Assistance Plan (DCAP) is an employer sponsored benefit that allows you to set aside a portion of your income on a pre-tax basis and use that money to pay for eligible daycare related expenses.

To qualify for this program, you must meet your employer’s benefit eligibility requirements. You must also have a tax-dependent that is under the age of 13 or is deemed medically incapable of caring for themselves. Lastly, expenses must be incurred in order for you to maintain or seek gainful employment.

WHAT HAPPENS IF I TERMINATE MY EMPLOYMENT?

If you terminate your employment during the plan year or you otherwise cease to be eligible under the plan, your active participation in the plan, as well as your pre-tax contributions, will end automatically. In limited scenarios, your Dependent Care Assistance Plan may include a “spend-down” provision that allows you to submit dependent care expenses incurred after your termination, assuming you continue to have eligible daycare expenses. This feature is not available in all plans. View your Summary Plan Description or your online account details for information about your spending and submission deadlines.

EXAMPLES OF QUALIFIED EXPENSES

- Childcare (including before and after school care)
- In home daycare services (including nanny services)
- Summer Day Camp

EXAMPLES OF EXPENSES THAT ARE NOT QUALIFIED

- School tuition (children who are 5 or older)
- Sports programs
- Food expenses (unless inseparable from care)

Below is an active participant example of a timeline from the Igoe Participant Portal:

Jan 1, 2022
Plan Start Date

Dec 31, 2022
Plan End Date

Mar 15, 2023
Last Day for Spending

Mar 31, 2023
Last day to Submit Claims

March 22, 2023