

State of Washington Letter of Medical Necessity

Certain medical expenses are not reimbursable under a Medical Flexible Spending Arrangement (FSA) unless a licensed health care professional states that the service or product is medically necessary. These expenses require a Letter of Medical Necessity (LMN) before they can be reimbursed.

IRS Regulation Section 1.213(d)(1) defines "medical care" to include amounts paid for the diagnosis, cure, mitigation, treatment, or prevention of disease, or for the purpose of affecting any structure or function of the body.

Some services or products do not always "treat" a medical condition. For example:

- Vitamins and dietary supplements
- Cosmetic procedures and products
- Weight loss programs

For a complete list of expenses that require a LMN can be found online at <http://pebb.naviabenefits.com/benefits/expenses>.

IRS Regulation Section 1.213 says "[an] expenditure which is merely beneficial to the general health of an individual...is not an expenditure for medical care."

IRS Revenue Ruling 2003-102 excludes vitamins by stating that vitamins and dietary supplements are "merely beneficial...to general good health" and, therefore, not reimbursable.

However, there are exceptions to the above rules. Examples:

- Vitamin C would be eligible for reimbursement if your doctor diagnosed scurvy and prescribed vitamin C as a treatment.
- Calcium supplements would be eligible for reimbursement if your doctor diagnosed osteoporosis and prescribed calcium for a treatment.
- Certain weight loss medications would be eligible for reimbursement if your doctor has prescribed them to treat a medical condition such as obesity.

Have your licensed health care professional complete the LMN if your claim has been denied or you think it might be denied. A doctor's letter satisfying all the required fields in the LMN is also acceptable.

Over-the-Counter medicines and drugs

Over-the-Counter ("OTC") medicines and drugs (excluding insulin) purchased on or after January 1, 2011, require a prescription, LMN or letter satisfying all the required fields in the LMN from your doctor before Navia Benefit Solutions can reimburse you. Provide one of the above with your claim and we will store the documentation for the duration permitted.



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Section I: Employee Information

Employee Name: _____ Date: _____

Agency or higher education institution name _____

Section II: Medical Information (required)

Patient Name: _____

Diagnosis: _____

Treatment Duration Start Date (mm/dd/yyyy) _____ End Date (mm/dd/yyyy) _____

Procedure (CPT) Code: _____

To Navia Benefit Solutions:

(Describe the **medical condition**, the **treatment you recommend**, and **how such treatment relates** to the medical condition.)

OTC Medicines and Drugs - if you are prescribing vitamins or supplements, please use Section II

I certify that I have issued a prescription for the OTC medicines and drugs listed below and that I am an individual authorized to issue a prescription in the state in which the prescription was issued and that the prescription meets the legal requirements of a prescription in the state in which the medical expense is incurred.

List OTC medicines and drugs _____

Date prescription was issued _____ (your prescription will be valid with Navia Benefit Solutions for one year beginning on the date the prescription was issued. If no date was provided your prescription or LMN will be valid for one year beginning on the date this LMN was received by Navia Benefit Solutions.)

Provider's Signature: _____

Clinic/Hospital/Office Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Note: Navia Benefit Solutions requires that the proper documentation support your Medical FSA claims and does not consider the sufficiency or substance of the letter. If your letter is incomplete your claim will be denied until the proper documentation is provided.