



Memo

To: Commissioners, First 5 Ventura County

From: Jennifer Johnson, Director of Operations (On behalf of the Administration/Finance Committee)

Date: December 17, 2015

Re: Recommendation to approve restatement of Commission's Flexible Spending Plan (FSA)

Background

The Commission has a Flexible Spending Arrangement (FSA) that lets employee make pre-tax deductions for health care expenses, dependent care and health care premiums as allowed through IRS Section 125. The plan document was last revised in February 2002. With health care reform and the passage of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA), there are certain updates needed to the current FSA plan.

The proposed restatement of the FSA plan, as attached, incorporates updates in laws and regulations pertaining to health care reform and IRS Section 125. Key updates include:

- Extending the definition of dependents under the Health Care FSA to include "adult" children (up to the age of 26)
- Increasing the Health Care FSA annual maximum from \$2,500 to \$2,550, in accordance with the IRS limit, which recently received a COLA increase of \$50
- Implementing the new "carry-over" option that allows employees to roll over up to \$500 from the prior year into the new plan year
- Updating provisions for privacy protection under Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA)

Maximum allowable amounts in the Commission's Flexible Spending Arrangement have always been aligned with the maximum allowed under IRS regulations.

Recommendation

The recommended action will approve a restatement of the Commission's Flexible Spending Plan for employee pre-tax deductions for health care expenses, dependent care and health care premiums to incorporate updates in laws and regulations pertaining to health care reform and updates to IRS Section 125. As changes to maximum allowable amounts occur in IRS regulations and/or ACA, the maximum amounts in the Commission's FSA Plan will be subsequently adjusted.

**Children & Families First Commission of
Ventura County**

Salary Reduction Plan

(With Premium Payment, Health FSA and DCAP Components)

Plan Document

**This Complete Plan Document Serves as Amendment to the Original
Plan Document.**

Replacement Date: December 17, 2015

Originally Effective Date of Plan: October 15, 2001

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**Children & Families First Commission of Ventura County Salary Reduction Plan
(With Premium Payment, Health FSA, and DCAP Components)**

As Adopted Effective December 17, 2015

ARTICLE I. Introduction

1.1 Establishment of Plan

Children & Families First Commission of Ventura County ("the Employer") hereby establishes the Children & Families First Commission of Ventura County Salary Reduction Plan ("the Plan") originally effective October 15, 2001 ("the Effective Date") and as adopted effective December 17, 2015. Capitalized terms used in this Plan that are not otherwise defined shall have the meanings set forth in Article II.

This Plan is designed to permit an Eligible Employee to pay for his or her share of Contributions under the Health Insurance Plan (here, major health insurance) on a pre-tax Salary Reduction basis and to contribute on a pre-tax Salary Reduction basis to an account for reimbursement of certain Medical Care Expenses (Health FSA Account), and to an account for reimbursement of certain Dependent Care Expenses (DCAP Account).

1.2 Legal Status

The Health FSA Component is intended to qualify as a self-insured medical reimbursement plan under Code §105, and the Medical Care Expenses reimbursed thereunder are intended to be eligible for exclusion from participating Employees' gross income under Code §105(b). The DCAP Component is intended to qualify as a dependent care assistance program under Code §129, and the Dependent Care Expenses reimbursed thereunder are intended to be eligible for exclusion from participating Employees' gross income under Code §129(a).

Although reprinted within this document, the Health FSA Component and the DCAP Component are separate plans for purposes of administration and all reporting and nondiscrimination requirements imposed by Code §§105 and 129. The Health FSA Component is also a separate plan for purposes of applicable provisions of ERISA, HIPAA, and COBRA. The HSA funding feature described in the HSA Component is not intended to establish an ERISA plan or to otherwise be part of an ERISA benefit plan. In the event that the Health FSA Component is determined not to be a separate plan, the Plan shall be designated as a hybrid entity for purposes of HIPAA, such that it shall be a covered entity only with respect to the Health FSA Component.

The Medical Insurance Plan, Dental Insurance Plan, Vision Insurance Plan and Health FSA are intended to be part of an organized health care arrangement for purposes of HIPAA.

ARTICLE II. Definitions

2.1 Definitions

"**Account(s)**" means the Health FSA Accounts and the DCAP Accounts described in Section 7.5 for Health FSAs, and Section 9.5 for DCAPs.

"**Benefits**" means the Premium Payment Benefits, the Health FSA Benefits and the DCAP Benefits offered under the Plan.

"Benefit Package Option" means a qualified benefit under Code §125(f) that is offered under a cafeteria plan, or an option for coverage under an underlying accident or health plan (such as an indemnity option, an HMO option, or a PPO option under a dental and vision, accident or health plan).

"Change in Status" means any of the events described below, as well as any other events included in subsequent changes to Code §125, or regulations or guidance issued thereunder that the Plan Administrator, in its sole discretion and on a uniform and consistent basis, determines are permitted under applicable law and under this Plan:

(a) **Legal Marital Status.** A change in a Participant's legal marital status, including marriage, death of a Spouse, divorce, legal separation, or annulment;

(b) **Number of Dependents.** Events that change a Participant's number of Dependents, including birth, death, adoption, and placement for adoption;

(c) **Employment Status.** Any of the following events that change the employment status of the Participant or his or her Spouse or Dependents: (1) a termination or commencement of employment; (2) a strike or lockout; (3) a commencement of or return from an unpaid leave of absence; (4) a change in worksite; and (5) if the eligibility conditions of this Plan or other employee benefits plan of the Participant or his or her Spouse or Dependents depend on the employment status of that individual and there is a change in that individual's status with the consequence that the individual becomes (or ceases to be) eligible under this Plan or other employee benefits plan, such as if a plan only applies to salaried employees and an employee switches from salaried to hourly-paid, union to non-union, or full-time to part-time (or vice versa), with the consequence that the employee ceases to be eligible for the Plan;

(d) **Dependent Eligibility Requirements.** An event that causes a Dependent to satisfy or cease to satisfy the Dependent eligibility requirements for a particular benefit, such as attaining a specified age, student status, or any similar circumstance; and

(e) **Change in Residence.** A change in the place of residence of the Participant or his or her Spouse or Dependents.

"COBRA" means the Consolidated Omnibus Budget Reconciliation Act of 1985, as amended.

"Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

"Compensation" means the wages or salary paid to an Employee by the Employer, determined prior to (a) any Salary Reduction election under this Plan; (b) any salary reduction election under any other cafeteria plan; and (c) any compensation reduction under any Code §132(f)(4) plan; but determined after (d) any salary deferral elections under any Code §401(k), 403(b), 408(k), or 457(b) plan or arrangement. Thus, "Compensation" generally means wages or salary paid to an Employee by the Employer, as reported in Box 1 of Form W-2, but adding back any wages or salary forgone by virtue of any election described in (a), (b), or (c) of the preceding sentence.

"Contributions" means the amount contributed to pay for the cost of Benefits (including self-funded Benefits as well as those that are insured), as calculated under Section 6.2 for Premium Payment Benefits, Section 7.2 for Health FSA Benefits and Section 9.2 for DCAP Benefits.

"DCAP" means dependent care assistance program.

"DCAP Account" means the account described in Section 9.5.

"DCAP Benefits" has the meaning described in Section 9.1.

"DCAP Component" means the Component of this Plan described in Article IX.

"Dental Insurance Benefits" means the Employee's Dental Insurance Plan coverage for purposes of this Plan.

"Dental Insurance Plan" means the plan(s) that the Employer maintains for its Employees (and for their Spouses and Dependents that may be eligible under the terms of such plan), providing dental type benefits through a group insurance policy or policies, if separate from the Medical Insurance Plan. The Employer may substitute, add, subtract, or revise at any time the menu of such plans and/or the benefits, terms, and conditions of any such plans. Any such substitution, addition, subtraction, or revision will be communicated to Participants and will automatically be incorporated by reference under this Plan.

"Dependent" means: (a) for purposes of accident or health coverage (to the extent funded under the Premium Payment Component, and for purposes of the Health FSA Component), (1) a dependent as defined in Code §105(b), (2) any child (as defined in Code §152(f)(1)) of the Participant who as of the end of the taxable year has not attained age 26, and (3) any child of the Participant to whom IRS Revenue Procedure 2008-48 applies (regarding certain children of divorced or separated parents who receive more than half of

their support for the calendar year from one or both parents and are in the custody of one or both parents for more than half of the calendar year); and (b) for purposes of the DCAP Component, a Qualifying Individual. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Health FSA Component will provide benefits in accordance with the applicable requirements of any QMCSO, even if the child does not meet the definition of Dependent.

"Dependent Care Expenses" has the meaning described in Section 9.3.

"Earned Income" shall have the meaning given such term in Code §129(e)(2).

"Effective Date" of this Plan has the meaning described in Section 1.1.

"Election Form/Salary Reduction Agreement" means the actual or deemed paper or electronic form provided by the Administrator for the purpose of allowing an Eligible Employee to participate in this Plan by electing Salary Reductions to pay for any of the following: Premium Payment Benefits, Health FSA Benefits and DCAP Benefits. It includes an agreement pursuant to which an Eligible Employee or Participant authorizes the Employer to make Salary Reductions. If an interactive voice-response system or web-based program is used for enrollment, the Election Form/Salary Reduction Agreement may be maintained on an electronic database in accordance with applicable laws.

"Eligible Employee" means an Employee eligible to participate in this Plan, as provided in Section 3.1.

"Employee" means an individual that the Employer classifies as a common-law employee and who is on the Employer's W-2 payroll, but does not include the following: (a) any leased employee (including but not limited to those individuals defined as leased employees in Code §414(n)) or individual classified by the Employer as an independent contractor for the period during which such individual is so classified, whether or not any such individual is on the Employer's W-2 payroll or is determined by the IRS or others to be a common-law employee of the Employer; (b) any individual who performs services for the Employer but who is paid by a temporary or other employment or staffing agency for the period during which such individual is paid by such agency, whether or not such individual is determined by the IRS or others to be a common-law employee of the Employer; (c) any self-employed individual; (d) any partner in a partnership; and (e) any more-than-2% shareholder in a Subchapter S corporation. The term Employee does include former Employees for the limited purpose of allowing continued eligibility for benefits under the Plan for the remainder of the Plan Year in which an Employee ceases to be employed by the Employer, but only to the extent specifically provided elsewhere under this Plan.

"Employee-Only Health FSA Option" has the meaning described in Section 7.3(b).

"Employee-Plus-Children Health FSA Option" has the meaning described in Section 7.3(b).

"Employer" means Children & Families First Commission of Ventura County, also known as First 5 Ventura County, hereinafter referred to as F5VC, and any Related Employer that adopts this Plan with the approval of F5VC. Related Employers that have adopted this Plan, if any, are listed in Appendix A of this Plan. However, for purposes of Articles IX and XIV and Section 15.3, "Employer" means only F5VC.

"Employment Commencement Date" means the first regularly scheduled working day on which the Employee first performs an hour of service for the Employer for Compensation.

"ERISA" means the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974, as amended.

"FMLA" means the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993, as amended.

"General-Purpose Health FSA Option" has the meaning described in Section 7.3(b).

"Grace Period" means the period that begins immediately following the close of a Plan Year and ends on the day as determined by IRS regulations (if applicable).

"Health FSA" means health flexible spending arrangement, which consists of four options: the General-Purpose Health FSA Option; the Limited (Vision/Dental/Preventive Care) Health FSA Option; the Employee-Only Health FSA Option; and the Employee-Plus-Children Health FSA Option.

"Health FSA Account" means the account described in Section 7.5.

"Health FSA Benefits" has the meaning described in Section 7.1.

"Health FSA Component" means the Component of this Plan described in Article VII.

"Health Insurance Plan" means the plan(s) that the Employer maintains for its Employees (and for their Spouses and Dependents that may be eligible under the terms of such plan), providing Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs), a major medical insurance (PPO), dental and vision type benefits through a group insurance policy or policies (with HMO and/or PPO options). The Employer may substitute, add, subtract, or revise at any time the menu of such plans and/or the benefits, terms, and conditions of any such plans. Any such substitution, addition, subtraction, or revision will be communicated to Participants and will automatically be incorporated by reference under this Plan.

"Health Insurance Benefits" means the Employee's Health Insurance Plan coverage for purposes of this Plan.

"High Deductible Health Plan" means the high deductible health plan that may be offered by the Employer that is intended to qualify as a high deductible health plan under Code §223(c)(2), as described in materials provided separately by the employer. The High Deductible Health Plan may or may not be the sole Health Insurance Plan eligible for pre-tax Salary Reduction funding hereunder.

"HIPAA" means the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996, as amended.

"HMO" means the health maintenance organization Benefit Package Option under the Health Insurance Plan.

"HRA" means a health reimbursement arrangement as defined in IRS Notice 200245. The Employer does not currently offer an HRA.

"HSA" means a health savings account established under Code §223. Such arrangements are individual trusts or custodial accounts, each separately established and maintained by an Employee with a qualified trustee/custodian. The Employer does not currently offer an HSA Plan.

"Limited (Vision/Dental/Preventive Care) Health FSA Option" has the meaning described in Section 7.3(b).

"Medical Care Expenses" has the meaning defined in Section 7.3.

"Open Enrollment Period" with respect to a Plan Year means the month of December in the year preceding the Plan Year, or such other period as may be prescribed by the Administrator.

"Participant" means a person who is an Eligible Employee and who is participating in this Plan in accordance with the provisions of Article III. Participants include (a) those who elect one or more of the Health Insurance Benefits, Health FSA Benefits, DCAP Benefits, and Salary Reductions to pay for such Benefits; and (b) those who elect instead to receive their full salary in cash and to pay for their share of their Contributions under the Health Insurance Plan (if any) with after-tax dollars outside of this Plan and who have not elected any Health FSA Benefits or DCAP Benefits.

"Period of Coverage" means the Plan Year, with the following exceptions: (a) for Employees who first become eligible to participate, it shall mean the portion of the Plan Year following the date on which participation commences, as described in Section 3.1; and (b) for Employees who terminate participation, it shall mean the portion of the Plan Year prior to the first day of the month after Employee terminates, as described in Section 3.2.

"Plan" means the Children & Families First Commission of Ventura County Salary Reduction Plan as set forth herein and as amended from time to time.

"Plan Administrator" means F5VC. The contact person is the Executive Director for F5VC, who has the full authority to act on behalf of the Plan Administrator.

"Plan Year" means the calendar year (i.e., the 12-month period commencing January 1 and ending on December 31), except in the case of a short plan year representing the initial Plan Year or where the Plan Year is being changed, in which case the Plan Year shall be the entire short plan year.

"PPO" means the preferred provider organization Benefit Package Option under the Health Insurance Plan.

"Premium Payment Benefits" means the Premium Payment Benefits that are paid for on a pre-tax Salary Reduction basis as described in Section 6.1.

"Premium Payment Component" means the Component of this Plan described in Article VI.

"Prior Plan Year Health FSA Amounts" has the meaning described in Section 7.4(f).

"**QMCSO**" means a qualified medical child support order, as defined in ERISA §609(a).

"**Qualifying Dependent Care Services**" has the meaning described in Section 9.3.

"**Qualifying Individual**" means (a) a tax dependent of the Participant as defined in Code §152 who is under the age of 13 and who is the Participant's qualifying child as defined in Code §152(a)(1); (b) a tax dependent of the Participant as defined in Code §152, but determined without regard to subsections (b)(1), (b)(2), and (d)(1)(B) thereof, who is physically or mentally incapable of self-care and who has the same principal place of abode as the Participant for more than half of the year; or (c) a Participant's Spouse who is physically or mentally incapable of self-care, and who has the same principal place of abode as the Participant for more than half of the year. Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the case of divorced or separated parents, a Qualifying Individual who is a child shall, as provided in Code §21(e)(5), be treated as a Qualifying Individual of the custodial parent (within the meaning of Code §152(e)) and shall not be treated as a Qualifying Individual with respect to the noncustodial parent.

"**Related Employer**" means any employer affiliated with F5VC that, under Code §414(b), §414(c), or §414(m), is treated as a single employer with F5VC for purposes of Code §125(g)(4).

"**Salary Reduction**" means the amount by which the Participant's Compensation is reduced and applied by the Employer under this Plan to pay for one or more of the Benefits, as permitted for the applicable Component, before any applicable state and/or federal taxes have been deducted from the Participant's Compensation (i.e., on a pre-tax basis).

"**Spouse**" means an individual who is treated as a spouse for federal tax purposes. Notwithstanding the above, for purposes of the DCAP Component, the term Spouse shall not include (a) an individual legally separated from the Participant under a divorce or separate maintenance decree; or (b) an individual who is married to the Participant and files a separate federal income tax return, where (i) the Participant maintains a household that constitutes a Qualifying Individual's principal place of abode for more than one-half of the taxable year, (ii) the Participant furnishes more than half of the cost of maintaining such household, and (iii) during the last 6 months of such taxable year, the individual is not a member of such household.

"**Student**" means an individual who, during each of five or more calendar months during the Plan Year, is a full-time student at any educational organization that normally maintains a regular faculty and curriculum and normally has an enrolled student body in attendance at the location where its educational activities are regularly carried on.

ARTICLE III. Eligibility and Participation

3.1 Eligibility to Participate

An individual is eligible to participate in this Plan (including the Premium Payment Component, the Health FSA Component and the DCAP Component) if the individual satisfies all of the following: (a) is an Employee; and (b) is working 20 or more hours per week and be classified as a regular employee. Eligibility to enter into the Plan will follow the rules of the group health insurance plan but in no instance shall exceed more than 60 days from date of hire, counting the Employee's Employment Commencement Date as the first such day. Eligibility for Premium Payment Benefits shall also be subject to the additional requirements, if any, specified in the Health Insurance Plan. Once an Employee has met the Plan's eligibility requirements, the Employee may elect coverage effective the first day of the next calendar month, or for any subsequent Plan Year, in accordance with the procedures described in Article IV.

3.2 Termination of Participation

A Participant will cease to be a Participant in this Plan upon the earlier of:

- the termination of this Plan; or
- the first day of the month after the Employee ceases (because of retirement, termination of employment, layoff, reduction of hours, or any other reason) to be an Eligible Employee. Notwithstanding the foregoing, for purposes of pre-taxing COBRA coverage certain

Employees may continue eligibility for certain periods on the terms and subject to the restrictions described in Section 6.4 for Insurance Benefits, Section 7.8 for Health FSA Benefits and Section 9.8 for DCAP Benefits.

Termination of participation in this Plan will automatically revoke the Participant's elections. The Health Insurance Benefits will terminate as of the date specified in the Health Insurance Plan. Reimbursements from the Health FSA and DCAP Accounts after termination of participation will be made pursuant to Section 7.8 for Health FSA Benefits and Section 9.8 for DCAP Benefits. Distributions from a Participant's HSA (whether before or after termination of employment) and all other matters relating to a Participant's HSA are outside of this Plan and are to be handled by the Participant and his or her trustee/custodian in accordance with the agreement between them.

3.3 Participation Following Termination of Employment or Loss of Eligibility

If a Participant terminates his or her employment for any reason, including (but not limited to) disability, retirement, layoff, or voluntary resignation, and then is rehired within 30 days or less after the date of a termination of employment, then the Employee will be reinstated with the same elections that such individual had before termination. If a former Participant is rehired more than 30 days following termination of employment and is otherwise eligible to participate in the Plan, then the individual may make new elections as a new hire as described in Section 3.1. Notwithstanding the above, an election to participate in the Premium Payment Component will be reinstated only to the extent that coverage under the Health Insurance Plan (Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs), a major medical insurance (PPO), dental and vision) is reinstated. If an Employee (whether or not a Participant) ceases to be an Eligible Employee for any reason (other than for termination of employment), including (but not limited to) a reduction of hours, and then becomes an Eligible Employee again, the Employee must complete the waiting period, if applicable, described in Section 3.1 before again becoming eligible to participate in the Plan.

3.4 FMLA Leaves of Absence

- (a) *Health Benefits.* Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in this Plan, if a Participant goes on a qualifying leave under the FMLA, then to the extent required by the FMLA, the Employer will continue to maintain the Participant's Health Insurance Benefits, and Health FSA Benefits on the same terms and conditions as if the Participant were still an active Employee. That is, if the Participant elects to continue his or her coverage while on leave, the Employer will continue to pay its share of the Contributions.

An Employer may require participants to continue all Health Insurance Benefits and Health FSA Benefits coverage for Participants while they are on paid leave (provided that Participants on non-FMLA paid leave are required to continue coverage). If so, the Participant's share of the Contributions shall be paid by the method normally used during any paid leave (e.g., on a pre-tax Salary Reduction basis).

In the event of unpaid FMLA leave (or paid FMLA leave where coverage is not required to be continued), a Participant may elect to continue his or her Health Insurance Benefits and Health FSA Benefits during the leave. If the Participant elects to continue coverage while on FMLA leave, then the Participant may pay his or her share of the Contributions in one of the following ways:

- with after-tax dollars, by sending monthly payments to the Employer by the due date established by the Employer;
- with pre-tax dollars, by having such amounts withheld from the Participant's ongoing Compensation (if any), including unused sick days and vacation days; or
- pre-paying all or a portion of the Contributions for the expected duration of the leave on a pre-tax Salary Reduction basis out of pre-leave Compensation. To pre-pay the Contributions, the Participant must make a special election to that effect prior to the

date that such Compensation would normally be made available (pre-tax dollars may not be used to fund coverage during the next Plan Year); or

- under another arrangement agreed upon between the Participant and the Plan Administrator (e.g., the Plan Administrator may fund coverage during the leave and withhold "catch-up" amounts from the Participant's Compensation on a pre-tax or after-tax basis) upon the Participant's return.

If the Employer requires all Participants to continue Health Insurance Benefits and Health FSA Benefits during an unpaid FMLA leave, then the Participant may elect to discontinue payment of the Participant's required Contributions until the Participant returns from leave. Upon returning from leave, the Participant will be required to repay the Contributions not paid by the Participant during the leave. Payment shall be withheld from the Participant's Compensation either on a pre-tax or after-tax basis, as agreed to by the Plan Administrator and the Participant.

If a Participant's Health Insurance Benefits or Health FSA Benefits coverage ceases while on FMLA leave (e.g., for non-payment of required contributions), then the Participant is permitted to re-enter the Health Insurance Benefits or Health FSA Benefits, as applicable, upon return from such leave on the same basis as when the Participant was participating in the Plan prior to the leave, or as otherwise required by the FMLA. In addition, the Plan may require Participants whose Health Insurance Benefits or Health FSA Benefits coverage terminated during the leave to be reinstated in such coverage upon return from a period of unpaid leave, provided that Participants who return from a period of unpaid, non-FMLA leave are required to be reinstated in such coverage. Notwithstanding the preceding sentence, with regard to Health FSA Benefits a Participant whose coverage ceased will be permitted to elect whether to be reinstated in the Health FSA Benefits at the same coverage level as was in effect before the FMLA leave (with increased contributions for the remaining period of coverage) or at a coverage level that is reduced pro rata for the period of FMLA leave during which the Participant did not pay Contributions. If a Participant elects a coverage level that is reduced pro rata for the period of FMLA leave, then the amount withheld from a Participant's Compensation on a pay-period-by-pay-period basis for the purpose of paying for reinstated Health FSA Benefits will be equal to the amount withheld prior to the period of FMLA leave.

- (b) Non-Health Benefits. If a Participant goes on a qualifying leave under the FMLA, then entitlement to non-health benefits (such as DCAP Benefits) is to be determined by the Employer's policy for providing such Benefits when the Participant is on non-FMLA leave, as described in Section 3.5. If such policy permits a Participant to discontinue contributions while on leave, then the Participant will, upon returning from leave, be required to repay the Contributions not paid by the Participant during the leave. Payment shall be withheld from the Participant's Compensation either on a pre-tax or after-tax basis, as may be agreed upon by the Plan Administrator and the Participant or as the Plan Administrator otherwise deems appropriate.

3.5 Non-FMLA Leaves of Absence

If a Participant goes on an unpaid leave of absence that does not affect eligibility, then the Participant will continue to participate and the Contributions due for the Participant will be paid by pre-payment before going on leave, by after-tax contributions while on leave, or with catch-up contributions after the leave ends, as may be determined by the Plan Administrator. If a Participant goes on an unpaid leave that affects eligibility, then the election change rules in Section 12.4(d) will apply.

ARTICLE IV. Method and Timing of Elections

4.1 Elections When First Eligible

An Employee who first becomes eligible to participate in the Plan mid-year may elect to commence participation in one or more Benefits on the first day of the month after the eligibility requirements have been satisfied, provided that a Health Insurance Enrollment form or an Election Form/Salary Reduction Agreement is submitted to the Plan Administrator before the first day of the month in which participation will commence. An Employee who does not elect benefits when first eligible may not enroll until the next Open Enrollment Period, unless an event occurs that would justify a mid-year election change, as described under Section 12.4. Eligibility for Premium Payment Benefits shall be subject to the additional requirements, if any, specified in the Health Insurance Plan. **The provisions of this Plan are not intended to override any exclusions, eligibility requirements, or waiting periods specified in the Health Insurance Plan.**

4.2 Elections During Open Enrollment Period

During each Open Enrollment Period with respect to a Plan Year, the Plan Administrator shall provide a Health Insurance Enrollment form and/or Election Form/Salary Reduction Agreement to each Employee who is eligible to participate in this Plan. The Election Form/Salary Reduction Agreement shall enable the Employee to elect to participate in the various Components of this Plan for the next Plan Year and to authorize the necessary Salary Reductions to pay for the Benefits elected. The Election Form/Salary Reduction Agreement must be returned to the Plan Administrator on or before the last day of the Open Enrollment Period, and it shall become effective on the first day of the next Plan Year. If an Eligible Employee fails to return the Election Form/Salary Reduction Agreement during the Open Enrollment Period, then the Employee may not elect any Benefits under this Plan until the next Open Enrollment Period, unless an event occurs that would justify a mid-year election change, as described under Section 12.4.

4.3 Failure of Eligible Employee to File an Election Form/Salary Reduction Agreement

If an Eligible Employee fails to file an Election Form/Salary Reduction Agreement within the time period described in Sections 4.1 and 4.2, then the Employee may not elect any Benefits under the Plan (a) until the next Open Enrollment Period; or (b) until an event occurs that would justify a midyear election change, as described under Section 12.3 or 12.4. If an Employee who fails to file an Election Form/Salary Reduction Agreement is eligible for Medical Insurance Benefits and has made an effective election for such Benefits, then the Employee's share of the Contributions for such Benefits will be paid with after-tax dollars outside of this Plan until such time as the Employee files, during a subsequent Open Enrollment Period (or after an event occurs that would justify a midyear election change as described under Section 12.3), a timely Election Form/Salary Reduction Agreement to elect Premium Payment Benefits. Until the Employee files such an election, the Employer's portion of the Contribution will also be paid outside of this Plan.

4.4 Declining Pre-Tax Contributions for Health Insurance Benefits

If an Employee files a Health Insurance Enrollment form for Health Insurance Benefits and prefers to pay his or her share of the Contributions for such Benefits with after-tax dollars outside of this Plan, Employee may submit a written request to the Plan Administrator. This declination of election will remain in effect (a) until the next Open Enrollment Period; or (b) until an event occurs that would justify a mid-year election change, as described under Section 12.4 or 12.5.

4.5 Irrevocability of Elections

Unless an exception applies (as described in Article XII), a Participant's election under the Plan is irrevocable for the duration of the Period of Coverage to which it relates.

ARTICLE V. Benefits Offered and Method of Funding

5.1 Benefits Offered

When first eligible or during the Open Enrollment Period as described under Article IV, Participants will be given the opportunity to elect one or more of the following Benefits:

- (a) Premium Payment Benefits, as described in Article VI;
- (b) Health FSA Benefits, as described in Article VII. The Health FSA election may be for:
 - General-Purpose Health FSA Option;
 - Limited (Vision/Dental/Preventive Care) Health FSA Option;
 - Employee-Only Health FSA Option; or
 - Employee-Plus-Children Health FSA Option; and
- (c) DCAP Benefits, as described in Article IX.

HSA Benefits cannot be elected with Health FSA Benefits unless the Limited (Vision/Dental/Preventive Care) Health FSA Option is selected. In addition, a Participant who elects the High-Deductible Health Plan option for a Plan Year beginning after 2015 is treated as automatically enrolled in the Limited (Vision/Dental/Preventive Care) Health FSA Option for that Plan Year, and unused amounts remaining in the Participant's General-Purpose Health FSA at the end of the preceding Plan Year that are available for carryover as provided in Article VII, if any, will be automatically carried over to that Limited (Vision/Dental/Preventive Care) Purpose Health FSA.

In no event shall Benefits under the Plan be provided in the form of deferred compensation.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, Health FSA carryovers of up to \$500 are permitted as provided in Article VII.

5.2 Employer and Participant Contributions

- (a) *Employer Contributions.* For Participants who elect Health Insurance Benefits described in Article VI, the Employer will contribute a portion of the Contributions as provided in the open enrollment materials furnished to Employees and/or on the Election Form/Salary Reduction Agreement. There are no Employer contributions for Health FSA Benefits or DCAP Benefits.
- (b) *Participant Contributions.* Participants who elect any of the Health Insurance Benefits described in Article VI may pay for the cost of that coverage on a pre-tax Salary Reduction basis, or with after-tax deductions, by completing a Health Insurance Enrollment form or an Election Form/Salary Reduction Agreement. Participants who elect Health FSA Benefits or DCAP Benefits must pay for the cost of that coverage on a pre-tax Salary Reduction basis by completing an Election Form/Salary Reduction Agreement.

5.3 Using Salary Reductions to Make Contributions

- (a) *Salary Reductions per Pay Period.* The Salary Reduction for a pay period for a Participant is, for the Benefits elected, an amount equal to (1) the annual Contributions for such Benefits (as described in Section 6.2 for Premium Payment Benefits, Section 7.2 for Health FSA Benefits and Section 9.2 for DCAP Benefits, as applicable), divided by the number of pay periods in the Period of Coverage; (2) an amount otherwise agreed upon between the Employer and the Participant; or (3) an amount deemed appropriate by the Plan Administrator (i.e., in the event of shortage in reducible Compensation, amounts withheld and the Benefits to which Salary Reductions are applied may fluctuate). If a Participant increases his or her election under the Health FSA Component or DCAP Component to the extent permitted under Section 12.4, the Salary Reductions per pay period will be, for the Benefits affected, an amount equal to (1) the new reimbursement limit elected pursuant to Section 12.4, less the Salary Reductions made prior to such election change, divided by the number of pay periods in the balance of the Period of Coverage commencing with the election change; (2) an amount otherwise agreed upon between the Employer and the Participant; or (3) an amount deemed appropriate by the Plan Administrator (i.e., in the event of shortage of reducible

Compensation, amounts withheld and the benefits to which Salary Reductions are applied may fluctuate).

- (b) *Considered Employer Contributions for Certain Purposes.* Salary Reductions are applied by the Employer to pay for the Participant's share of the Contributions for the Premium Payment Benefits, Health FSA Benefits and the DCAP Benefits and, for the purposes of this Plan and the Code, are considered to be Employer contributions.
- (c) *Salary Reduction Balance Upon Termination of Coverage.* If, as of the date that any elected coverage under this Plan terminates, a Participant's year-to-date Salary Reductions exceed or are less than the Participant's required Contributions for the coverage, then the Employer will, as applicable, either return the excess to the Participant as additional taxable wages or recoup the due Salary Reduction amounts from any remaining Compensation.
- (d) *After-Tax Contributions for Premium Payment Benefits.* For those Participants who elect to pay their share of the Contributions for any of the Health Insurance Benefits with after-tax deductions, both the Employee and Employer portions of such Contributions will be paid outside of this Plan.

5.4 Funding This Plan

All of the amounts payable under this Plan shall be paid from the general assets of the Employer, but Premium Payment Benefits are paid as provided in the applicable insurance policy. Nothing herein will be construed to require the Employer or the Plan Administrator to maintain any fund or to segregate any amount for the benefit of any Participant, and no Participant or other person shall have any claim against, right to, or security or other interest in any fund, account, or asset of the Employer from which any payment under this Plan may be made. There is no trust or other fund from which Benefits are paid. While the Employer has complete responsibility for the payment of Benefits out of its general assets (except for Premium Payment Benefits paid as provided in the applicable insurance policy), it may hire an unrelated third-party paying agent to make Benefit payments on its behalf. The maximum contribution that may be made under this Plan for a Participant is the total of the maximums that may be elected (a) as Employer and Participant Contributions for Premium Payment Benefits, as described in Section 6.2; and (b) as described under Section 7.4(b) for Health FSA Benefits and Section 9.4(b) for DCAP Benefits.

ARTICLE VI. Premium Payment Component

6.1 Benefits

The only Health Insurance Benefits that are offered under the Premium Payment Component are benefits under the Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs), a major medical insurance (PPO), dental and vision Insurance Plan(s) (with PPO and HMO options). Notwithstanding any other provision in this Plan, the Health Insurance Benefits are subject to the terms and conditions of the Health Insurance Plan(s), and no changes can be made with respect to such Health Insurance Benefits under this Plan (such as mid-year changes in election) if such changes are not permitted under the applicable Insurance Plan. An Eligible Employee can (a) elect benefits under the Premium Payment Component by electing to pay for his or her share of the Contributions for Health Insurance Benefits on a pretax Salary Reduction basis (Premium Payment Benefits); or (b) elect no benefits under the Premium Payment Component and to pay for his or her share of the Contributions, if any, for Health Insurance Benefits with after-tax deductions outside of this Plan. Unless an exception applies (as described in Article XII), such election is irrevocable for the duration of the Period of Coverage to which it relates. An Eligible Employee can elect Premium Payment Benefits as outlined in Section 4.1 and Section 4.2.

6.2 Contributions for Cost of Coverage

The annual Contribution for a Participant's Premium Payment Benefits is equal to the amount as set by the Employer, which may or may not be the same amount charged by the insurance carrier.

6.3 Benefits Provided Under the Medical, Dental and Vision Insurance Plans

Medical, Dental and Vision Insurance Benefits will be provided by the Medical, Dental and Vision Insurance Plans, not this Plan. The types and amounts of Medical, Dental and Vision Insurance Benefits, the requirements for participating in the Medical, Dental and Vision Insurance Plans, and the other terms and conditions of coverage and benefits of the Medical, Dental and Vision Insurance Plans are set forth in the Medical, Dental and Vision Insurance Plans. All claims to receive benefits under the Medical, Dental and Vision Insurance Plans shall be subject to and governed by the terms and conditions of the Medical, Dental and Vision Insurance Plans and the rules, regulations, policies, and procedures adopted in accordance therewith, as may be amended from time to time.

6.4 Medical, Dental and Vision Insurance Benefits; COBRA

Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in this Plan, to the extent required by COBRA, a Participant and his or her Spouse and Dependents, as applicable, whose coverage terminates under the Medical, Dental and/or Vision Insurance Benefits because of a COBRA qualifying event (and who is a qualified beneficiary as defined under COBRA), shall be given the opportunity to continue on a self-pay basis the same coverage that he or she had under the Medical, Dental and/or Vision Insurance Plans the day before the qualifying event for the periods prescribed by COBRA. Such continuation coverage shall be subject to all conditions and limitations under COBRA.

Contributions for COBRA coverage for Medical, Dental and/or Vision Insurance Benefits may be paid on a pre-tax basis for current Employees receiving taxable compensation (as may be permitted by the Plan Administrator on a uniform and consistent basis, but may not be prepaid from contributions in one Plan Year to provide coverage that extends into a subsequent Plan Year) where COBRA coverage arises either (a) because the Employee ceases to be eligible because of a reduction in hours; or (b) because the Employee's Dependent ceases to satisfy the eligibility requirements for coverage. For all other individuals (e.g., Employees who cease to be eligible because of retirement, termination of employment, or layoff), Contributions for COBRA coverage for Medical, Dental and Vision Insurance Benefits shall be paid on an after-tax basis (unless may be otherwise permitted by the Plan Administrator on a uniform and consistent basis, but may not be prepaid from contributions in one Plan Year to provide coverage that extends into a subsequent Plan Year).

ARTICLE VII. Health FSA Component

7.1 Health FSA Benefits

An Eligible Employee can elect to participate in the Health FSA Component by electing (a) to receive benefits in the form of reimbursements for Medical Care Expenses under one of the Health FSA coverage options described in Section 7.3(b) (Health FSA Benefits); and (b) to pay the Contribution for such Health FSA Benefits on a pre-tax Salary Reduction basis. Unless an exception applies (as described in Article XII), any such election is irrevocable for the duration of the Period of Coverage to which it relates. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Plan, an Eligible Employee shall not be eligible for the Health FSA Component unless he or she is also eligible for the Medical Insurance Plan.

7.2 Contributions for Cost of Coverage of Health FSA Benefits

The annual Contribution for a Participant's Health FSA Benefits is equal to the annual benefit amount elected by the Participant, subject to the dollar limits set forth in Section 7.4(b).

7.3 Eligible Medical Care Expenses for Health FSA

Under the Health FSA Component, a Participant may receive reimbursement for Medical Care Expenses incurred during the Period of Coverage for which an election is in force, or for which Health FSA Benefits are otherwise available as a result of a carryover as provided in Section 7.4.

(a) *Incurred.* A Medical Care Expense is incurred at the time the medical care or service giving rise to the expense is furnished and not when the Participant is formally billed for, is charged for, or pays for the medical care.

(b) *Medical Care Expenses.* “Medical Care Expenses” will vary depending on which Health FSA coverage option the Participant has elected. HSA Benefits cannot be elected with Health FSA Benefits unless the Limited (Vision/Dental/Preventive Care) Health FSA Option is selected. In addition, a Participant who elects the High-Deductible Health Plan option, if any, for a Plan Year beginning after 2015 is treated as automatically enrolled in the Limited (Vision/Dental/Preventive Care) Health FSA Option for that Plan Year, and unused amounts remaining in the Participant’s General-Purpose Health FSA at the end of the preceding Plan Year that are available for carryover as provided in Section 7.4, if any, will be automatically carried over to that Limited (Vision/Dental/Preventive Care) Health FSA.

- *General-Purpose Health FSA Option.* For purposes of this Option, Medical Care Expenses means expenses incurred by a Participant or his or her Spouse or Dependents for medical care, as defined in Code §213(d), but only to the extent that the expense has not been reimbursed through insurance or otherwise. If only a portion of a Medical Care Expense has been reimbursed elsewhere (e.g., because the Medical, Dental and/or Vision Insurance Plan imposes copayment or deductible limitations), then the Health FSA can reimburse the remaining portion of such Medical Care Expense if it otherwise meets the requirements of this Article VII.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the term Medical Care Expenses does not include:

- (1) premium payments for other health coverage, including but not limited to health insurance premiums for any other plan (whether or not sponsored by the Employer);
- (2) medicines or drugs, unless the medicine or drug is a prescribed drug (determined without regard to whether the medicine or drug is available without a prescription) or is insulin (for this purpose, the Plan Administrator shall have sole discretion to determine, on a uniform and consistent basis, whether a particular item is a medicine or drug and whether the requirement of a prescription has been satisfied);
- (3) cosmetic surgery or other similar procedures, unless the surgery or procedure is necessary to ameliorate a deformity arising from, or directly related to, a congenital abnormality, a personal injury resulting from an accident or trauma, or a disfiguring disease (for this purpose, “cosmetic surgery” means any procedure that is directed at improving the patient’s appearance and does not meaningfully promote the proper function of the body or prevent or treat illness or disease); or
- (4) any other expense excluded under Appendix B or otherwise under the terms of this Plan.

The Plan Administrator may promulgate procedures regarding the eligibility of various expenses for reimbursement as Medical Care Expenses and may limit reimbursement of expenses described in such procedures.

- *Limited (Vision/Dental/Preventive Care) Health FSA Option.* For purposes of this Option, Medical Care Expenses means expenses incurred by a Participant or his or her Spouse or Dependents for medical care as defined in Code §213(d) and as further described under the General Purpose Health FSA Option - provided, however, that such expenses are for vision care, dental care, or preventive care (as defined in Code §223(c)) only.

7.4 Maximum and Minimum Benefits for Health FSA

- (a) *Maximum Reimbursement Available; Uniform Coverage.* The maximum dollar amount elected by the Participant for reimbursement of Medical Care Expenses incurred during a Period of Coverage (reduced by prior reimbursements during the Period of Coverage and increased by any carryovers as provided in subsection (f) below) shall be available at all times during the Period of

Coverage, regardless of the actual amounts credited to the Participant's Health FSA Account pursuant to Section 7.5. Notwithstanding the foregoing, no reimbursements will be available for Medical Care Expenses incurred after participation in this Plan has terminated, unless the Participant has elected COBRA as provided in Section 7.8. Payment shall be made to the Participant in cash as reimbursement for Medical Care Expenses incurred during the Period of Coverage for which the Participant's election is effective (or for which carryovers are available as provided in subsection (f) below), provided that the other requirements of this Article VII have been satisfied.

- (b) *Maximum and Minimum Dollar Limits.* The maximum annual benefit amount that a Participant may elect to receive under this Plan in the form of reimbursements for Medical Care Expenses incurred in any Period of Coverage shall be the maximum allowable figure permitted by the Internal Revenue Service, subject to Sections 7.4(c) and 7.5(c). The minimum annual benefit amount that a Participant may elect to receive under this Plan in the form of reimbursements for Medical Care Expenses incurred in any Period of Coverage shall be \$5.00 per pay period.

Reimbursements due for Medical Care Expenses incurred by the Participant's Spouse or Dependents shall be charged against the Participant's Health FSA Account.

- (c) *Changes; No Proration.* For Plan Years beginning after 2015, the maximum and minimum dollar limit may be changed by the Plan Administrator and shall be communicated to Employees through the Election Form/Salary Reduction Agreement or another document, provided that the maximum dollar limit shall not exceed the maximum amount permitted under Code §125(i). If a Participant enters the Health FSA Component midyear or wishes to increase his or her election midyear as permitted under Section 12.3, then there will be no proration rule - i.e., the Participant may elect coverage up to the maximum dollar limit or may increase coverage to the maximum dollar limit, as applicable. Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Plan Administrator may limit the elections of a Participant who is terminated and rehired during the same Plan Year to the extent necessary to comply with the requirements of Code §125(i).
- (d) *Effect on Maximum Benefits If Election Change Permitted.* Any change in an election under Article XII (other than under Section 12.3(c) for FMLA leave) that increases contributions to the Health FSA Component also will change the maximum reimbursement benefits for the balance of the Period of Coverage commencing with the election change. Such maximum reimbursement benefits for the balance of the Period of Coverage shall be calculated by adding (1) the contributions (if any) made by the Participant as of the end of the portion of the Period of Coverage immediately preceding the change in election, to (2) the total contributions scheduled to be made by the Participant during the remainder of such Period of Coverage to the Health FSA Account, reduced by (3) all reimbursements made during the entire Period of Coverage. Any change in an election under Section 12.3(c) for FMLA leave will change the maximum reimbursement benefits in accordance with the regulations governing the effect of the FMLA on the operation of cafeteria plans.
- (e) *Monthly Limits on Reimbursing OTC Drugs.* Only reasonable quantities of over-the-counter (OTC) drugs or medicines of the same kind may be reimbursed from a Participant's Health FSA Account in a single calendar month (even assuming that the drug otherwise meets the requirements of this Article VII, including that it has been prescribed (unless it is insulin) and is for medical care under Code §213(d)); stockpiling is not permitted.
- (f) *Carryovers.* Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan to the contrary, unused amounts of up to \$500 remaining in a Participant's Health FSA Account at the end of a Plan Year can be carried over and used to reimburse the Participant for Medical Care Expenses that are incurred during the next Plan Year, subject to the following conditions:
- (1) No more than \$500 of the Participant's unused Health FSA amount for a Plan Year may be carried over for use in the next Plan Year. Carryover amounts may not be cashed out or converted to any other taxable or nontaxable benefit, and will not count toward the maximum dollar limit under subsections (b) and (c) above.

(2) A Participant who is otherwise eligible for the Health FSA for a Plan Year but does not make a Health FSA election for that Plan Year may use any carryovers from the preceding Plan Year for Medical Care Expenses incurred in the current or preceding Plan Year (as further provided herein). However, an Employee or other individual must be a participant in the Health FSA as of the last day of a Plan Year in order to carry over unused amounts to the next Plan Year.

Termination of employment and cessation of eligibility will result in a loss of carryover eligibility unless a COBRA election is made (see Section 7.8).

(3) A Participant who elects the High-Deductible Health Plan option for a Plan Year beginning after 2015 is treated as automatically enrolled in the Limited (Vision/Dental/Preventive Care) Health FSA Option for that Plan Year, and unused amounts remaining in the Participant's General-Purpose Health FSA at the end of the preceding Plan Year that are available for carryover, if any, will be automatically carried over to that Limited (Vision/Dental/Preventive Care) Health FSA. However, the Participant may continue to submit claims for general purpose Medical Care Expenses incurred during the preceding Plan Year until April 30 of the following Plan Year, to be reimbursed from the Participant's available Health FSA amounts for the preceding Plan Year. In addition, a Participant may elect prior to the beginning of a Plan Year to waive the carryover from the preceding Plan Year in accordance with procedures established by the Plan Administrator. A Participant who waives the carryover may continue to submit claims for Medical Care Expenses incurred during the preceding Plan Year until April 30 of the following Plan Year, to be reimbursed from the Participant's available Health FSA amounts.

(4) Medical Care Expenses incurred during a Plan Year will be reimbursed first from a Participant's unused amounts credited for that Plan Year and then from amounts carried over from the preceding Plan Year. Carryovers that are used to reimburse a current Plan Year expense will reduce the amount available to pay the Participant's preceding Plan Year expenses, cannot exceed \$500, and will count against the \$500 maximum carryover amount.

(5) If unused Health FSA Amounts remain for a Plan Year after all reimbursements have been made for that Plan Year in excess of the amount that can be carried over under this subsection (f), the Participant will forfeit all rights with respect to those amounts, which will be subject to the Plan's provisions regarding forfeitures in Section 7.6(b).

7.5 Establishment of Health FSA Account

The Plan Administrator will establish and maintain a Health FSA Account with respect to each Participant for each Plan Year or other Period of Coverage for which the Participant elects to participate in the Health FSA Component, but it will not create a separate fund or otherwise segregate assets for this purpose. The Account so established will merely be a recordkeeping account with the purpose of keeping track of contributions and determining forfeitures under Section 7.6.

- (a) *Crediting of Accounts.* A Participant's Health FSA Account for a Plan Year or other Period of Coverage will be credited periodically during such period with an amount equal to the Participant's Salary Reductions elected to be allocated to such Account.
- (b) *Debiting of Accounts.* A Participant's Health FSA Account for a Plan Year or other Period of Coverage will be debited for any reimbursement of Medical Care Expenses incurred during which he or she is entitled as provided in Section 7.4(f).
- (c) *Available Amount Not Based on Credited Amount.* As described in Section 7.4, the amount available for reimbursement of Medical Care Expenses is the Participant's annual benefit amount, reduced by prior reimbursements for Medical Care Expenses incurred during the Plan Year or other Period of Coverage (or during the Grace Period, if applicable); it is not based on the amount credited to the Health FSA Account at a particular point in time except as provided in Section 7.4(f). Thus, a Participant's Health FSA Account may have a negative balance during a Plan Year or other Period of Coverage, but the aggregate amount of reimbursement shall in no event exceed the maximum dollar amount elected by the Participant under this Plan.

7.6 Forfeiture of Health FSA Accounts; Use-It-or-Lose-It Rule

- (a) *Use-It-or-Lose-It Rule.* Except as otherwise provided in Section 7.4(f) (regarding certain individuals who may be reimbursed from Prior Plan Year Health FSA Amounts for expenses if any balance remains in the Participant's Health FSA Account for a Period of Coverage after all reimbursements have been made for the Period of Coverage, then such balance shall not be carried over to reimburse the Participant for Medical Care Expenses incurred during a subsequent Plan Year. The Participant shall forfeit all rights with respect to such balance.
- (b) *Use of Forfeitures.* All forfeitures under this Plan shall be used as follows: first, to offset any losses experienced by the Employer during the Plan Year as a result of making reimbursements (i.e., providing Health FSA Benefits) with respect to all Participants in excess of the Contributions paid by such Participants through Salary Reductions; second, to reduce the cost of administering the Health FSA Component during the Plan Year or the subsequent Plan Year (all such administrative costs shall be documented by the Plan Administrator); and third, to provide increased benefits or compensation to Participants in subsequent years in any weighted or uniform fashion that the Plan Administrator deems appropriate, consistent with applicable regulations. In addition, any Health FSA Account benefit payments that are unclaimed (e.g., uncashed benefit checks) by the close of the Plan Year following the Period of Coverage in which the Medical Care Expense was incurred shall be forfeited and applied as described above.

7.7 Reimbursement Claims Procedure for Health FSA

- (a) *Timing.* Within 30 days after receipt by the Plan Administrator of a reimbursement claim from a Participant, the Employer will reimburse the Participant for the Participant's Medical Care Expenses (if the Plan Administrator approves the claim), or the Plan Administrator will notify the Participant that his or her claim has been denied. This time period may be extended by an additional 15 days for matters beyond the control of the Plan Administrator, including in cases where a reimbursement claim is incomplete. The Plan Administrator will provide written notice of any extension, including the reasons for the extension, and will allow the Participant 45 days in which to complete the previously incomplete reimbursement claim.
- (b) *Claims Substantiation.* A Participant who has elected to receive Health FSA Benefits for a Period of Coverage may apply for reimbursement by submitting a request in writing to the Plan Administrator in such form as the Plan Administrator may prescribe, by no later than the March 31 following the close of the Plan Year in which the Medical Care Expense was incurred (except that for a Participant who ceases to be eligible to participate, this must be done no later than 90 days after the date that eligibility ceases, as described in Section 7.8) setting forth:
- the person(s) on whose behalf Medical Care Expenses have been incurred;
 - the nature and date of the Expenses so incurred;
 - the amount of the requested reimbursement;
 - a statement that such Expenses have not otherwise been reimbursed and that the Participant
 - other such details about the expenses that may be requested by the Plan Administrator in the reimbursement request form or otherwise (e.g., a statement from a medical practitioner that the expense is to treat a specific medical condition, or a more detailed certification from the Participant).
- (c) The claim shall be accompanied by Explanation of Benefits (EOBs), bills, invoices, or other statements from an independent third party showing that the Medical Care Expenses have been incurred and showing the amounts of such Expenses, along with any additional documentation that the Plan Administrator may request. If the Health FSA is accessible by an electronic payment card (e.g., debit card, credit card, or similar arrangement), the Participant will be required to comply with

substantiation procedures established by the Plan Administrator in accordance with Rev. Rul. 2003-43, IRS Notice 2006-69, or other IRS guidance.

- (d) *Claims Denied.* For reimbursement claims that are denied, see the appeals procedure in Article XIII.
- (e) *Claims Ordering; No Reprocessing.* All claims for reimbursement under the Health FSA Component will be paid in the order in which they are approved. Once paid, a claim will not be reprocessed or otherwise recharacterized solely for the purpose of paying it (or treating it as paid) from amounts attributable to a different Plan Year or Period of Coverage.

7.8 Reimbursements from Health FSA After Termination of Participation; COBRA

When a Participant ceases to be a Participant under Section 3.2, the Participant's Salary Reductions and election to participate will terminate. The Participant will not be able to receive reimbursements for Medical Care Expenses incurred after the last day of the month in which the Participant's employment terminates or the Participant otherwise ceases to be eligible. However, such Participant (or the Participant's estate) may claim reimbursement for any Medical Care Expenses incurred during the Period of Coverage prior to the date that the Participant ceases to be eligible, provided that the Participant (or the Participant's estate) files a claim within 90 days after the date that the Participant ceases to be a Participant.

Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary in this Plan, to the extent required by COBRA, a Participant and his or her Spouse and Dependents, as applicable, whose coverage terminates under the Health FSA Component because of a COBRA qualifying event (and who is a qualified beneficiary as defined under COBRA) shall be given the opportunity to continue on a self-pay basis the same coverage that he or she had under the Health FSA Component the day before the qualifying event for the periods prescribed by COBRA. Specifically, such individuals will be eligible for COBRA continuation coverage only if, under Section 7.5, they have a positive Health FSA Account balance at the time of a COBRA qualifying event (taking into account all claims submitted before the date of the qualifying event). Such individuals will be notified if they are eligible for COBRA continuation coverage. If COBRA is elected, it will be available only for the remainder of the Plan Year in which the qualifying event occurs; such COBRA coverage for the Health FSA Component will cease at the end of the Plan Year and cannot be continued for the next Plan Year. Such continuation coverage shall be subject to all conditions and limitations under COBRA. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a qualified beneficiary (as defined under COBRA) who has COBRA coverage under the Health FSA Component on the last day of a Plan Year may be entitled to reimbursement of Medical Care Expenses incurred during the Grace Period following that Plan Year in accordance with the provisions of Section 7.4(f).

Contributions for coverage for Health FSA Benefits may be paid on a pre-tax basis for current Employees receiving taxable compensation (as may be permitted by the Plan Administrator on a uniform and consistent basis, but may not be prepaid from contributions in one Plan Year to provide coverage that extends into a subsequent Plan Year) where COBRA coverage arises either (a) because the Employee ceases to be eligible because of a reduction of hours or (b) because the Employee's Dependent ceases to satisfy the eligibility requirements for coverage. For all other individuals (e.g., Employees who cease to be eligible because of retirement, termination of employment, or layoff), Contributions for COBRA coverage for Health FSA Benefits shall be paid on an after-tax basis (unless permitted otherwise by the Plan Administrator on a uniform and consistent basis, but may not be prepaid from contributions in one Plan Year to provide coverage that extends into a subsequent Plan Year).

7.9 Named Fiduciary for Health FSA

F5VC is the named fiduciary for the Health FSA Component for purposes of ERISA §402(a).

7.10 Coordination of Benefits with HSA, HRA, etc.

Health FSA Benefits are intended to pay benefits solely for Medical Care Expenses for which Participants have not been previously reimbursed and will not seek reimbursement elsewhere. Accordingly,

the Health FSA shall not be considered to be a group health plan for coordination of benefits purposes, and Health FSA Benefits shall not be taken into account when determining benefits payable under any other plan. Notwithstanding the foregoing, however, in the event that an expense is eligible for reimbursement under both the Health FSA and an HSA, the Participant may choose to seek reimbursement from either the Health FSA or the HSA, but not both. (If the Employer ever adds an HRA, then in the event that an expense is eligible for reimbursement under both the Health FSA and the HRA, the Health FSA must pay first.)

7.11 Health FSA Carryovers Permitted

Notwithstanding any other provision of the Plan to the contrary, unused amounts of up to \$500 remaining in a Participant's Health FSA Account at the end of a Plan Year that begins on or after January 1, 2013, can be used to reimburse the Participant for Medical Care Expenses that are incurred during the next Plan Year. The following conditions shall apply to health FSA carryovers:

- No more than \$500 of the Participant's unused Health FSA amount for a Plan Year may be carried over for use in the next Plan Year.
- Carryovers may not be cashed out or converted to any other taxable or nontaxable benefit, and will not count toward the maximum dollar limit on annual salary reductions under the Health FSA.
- Medical Care Expenses incurred in the current Plan Year will be reimbursed first from a Participant's unused amounts credited for that Plan Year and then from amounts carried over from the preceding Plan Year. Carryovers that are used to reimburse a current Plan Year expense will reduce the amount available to pay the Participant's preceding Plan Year expenses during the runout period, cannot exceed \$500, and will count against the \$500 maximum carryover amount.

ARTICLE VIII. [Reserved.]

ARTICLE IX. DCAP Component

9.1 DCAP Benefits

An Eligible Employee can elect to participate in the DCAP Component by electing to receive benefits in the form of reimbursements for Dependent Care Expenses and to pay the Contribution for such benefits on a pre-tax Salary Reduction basis. Unless an exception applies (as described in Article XII), such election of DCAP Benefits is irrevocable for the duration of the Period of Coverage to which it relates.

9.2 Contributions for Cost of Coverage for DCAP Benefits

The annual Contribution for a Participant's DCAP Benefits is equal to the annual benefit amount elected by the Participant, subject to the dollar limits set forth in Section 9.4(b). (For example, if the maximum \$5,000 annual benefit amount is elected, then the annual Contribution amount is also \$5,000.)

9.3 Eligible Dependent Care Expenses

Under the DCAP Component, a Participant may receive reimbursement for Dependent Care Expenses incurred during the Period of Coverage for which an election is in force.

- Incurred.* A Dependent Care Expense is incurred at the time the Qualifying Dependent Care Services giving rise to the expense is furnished, not when the Participant is formally billed for, is charged for, or pays for the Qualifying Dependent Care Services (e.g., services rendered for the month of June are not fully incurred until June 30 and cannot be reimbursed in full until then).
- Dependent Care Expenses.* "Dependent Care Expenses" are expenses that are considered to be employment-related expenses under Code §21(b)(2) (relating to expenses for the care of a Qualifying Individual necessary for gainful employment of the Employee and Spouse, if any, and expenses for incidental household services), if paid for by the Eligible Employee to obtain Qualifying Dependent Care Services—provided, however, that this term shall not include any expenses for which the Participant or other person incurring the expense is reimbursed for the

expense through insurance or any other plan. If only a portion of a Dependent Care Expense has been reimbursed elsewhere (e.g., because the Spouse's DCAP imposes maximum benefit limitations), the DCAP can reimburse the remaining portion of such Expense if it otherwise meets the requirements of this Article IX.

(c) *Qualifying Individual.* "Qualifying Individual" means:

- a tax dependent of the Participant as defined in Code §152 who is under the age of 13 and who is the Participant's qualifying child as defined in Code §152(a)(1);
- a tax dependent of the Participant as defined in Code §152, but determined without regard to subsections (b)(1), (b)(2), and (d)(1)(B) thereof, who is physically or mentally incapable of self-care and who has the same principal place of abode as the Participant for more than half of the year; or
- a Participant's Spouse who is physically or mentally incapable of self-care, and who has the same principal place of abode as the Participant for more than half of the year.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, in the case of divorced or separated parents, a Qualifying Individual who is a child shall, as provided in Code §21(e)(5), be treated as a Qualifying Individual of the custodial parent (within the meaning of Code §152(e)) and shall not be treated as a Qualifying Individual with respect to the non-custodial parent.

(d) *Qualifying Dependent Care Services.* "Qualifying Dependent Care Services" means the following: services that both (1) relate to the care of a Qualifying Individual that enable the Participant and his or her Spouse to remain gainfully employed after the date of participation in the DCAP Component and during the Period of Coverage; and (2) are performed

- in the Participant's home; or
- outside the Participant's home for (1) the care of a Participant's qualifying child who is under age 13; or (2) the care of any other Qualifying Individual who regularly spends at least eight hours per day in the Participant's household. In addition, if the expenses are incurred for services provided by a dependent care center (i.e., a facility that provides care for more than six individuals not residing at the facility and that receives a fee, payment, or grant for such services), then the center must comply with all applicable state and local laws and regulations.

(e) *Exclusion.* Dependent Care Expenses do not include amounts paid to:

- an individual with respect to whom a personal exemption is allowable under Code §151(c) to a Participant or his or her Spouse;
- a Participant's Spouse;
- a Participant's child (as defined in Code §152(f)(1)) who is under 19 years of age at the end of the year in which the expenses were incurred; or
- a parent of a Participant's under age 13 qualifying child as defined in Code §152(a)(1) (e.g., a former spouse who is the child's noncustodial parent).

9.4 Maximum and Minimum Benefits for DCAP

(a) *Maximum Reimbursement Available.* The maximum dollar amount elected by the Participant for reimbursement of Dependent Care Expenses incurred during a Period of Coverage (reduced by prior reimbursements during the Period of Coverage) shall only be available during the Period of Coverage to the extent of the actual amounts credited to the Participant's DCAP Account pursuant to Section 9.5. (No reimbursement will be made to the extent that such reimbursement would exceed the balance in the Participant's Account (that is, the year-to-date amount that has been withheld from the Participant's Compensation for reimbursement for Dependent Care Expenses for the Period of Coverage, less any prior reimbursements).) Payment shall be made to the Participant in cash as reimbursement for Dependent Care Expenses incurred during the Period of Coverage for which the Participant's election is effective, provided that the other requirements of this Article IX have been satisfied.

(b) *Maximum and Minimum Dollar Limits.* The maximum annual benefit amount that a Participant may elect to receive under this Plan in the form of reimbursements for Dependent Care Expenses incurred in any Period of Coverage shall be \$5,000 or, if lower, the maximum amount that the Participant has reason to believe will be excludable from his or her income at the time the election is made as a result of the applicable statutory limit for the Participant. The applicable statutory limit for a Participant is the smallest of the following amounts:

- the Participant's Earned Income for the calendar year;
- the Earned Income of the Participant's Spouse for the calendar year (note: a Spouse who (1) is not employed during a month in which the Participant incurs a Dependent Care Expense; and (2) is either physically or mentally incapable of self-care or a Student shall be deemed to have Earned Income in the amount of \$250 per month per Qualifying Individual for whom the Participant incurs Dependent Care Expenses, up to a maximum amount of \$500 per month);
or
- either \$5,000 or \$2,500 for the calendar year, as applicable:
 - (1) \$5,000 for the calendar year if one of the following applies:
 - the Participant is married and files a joint federal income tax return;
 - the Participant is married, files a separate federal income tax return, and meets the following conditions: (1) the Participant maintains as his or her home a household that constitutes (for more than half of the taxable year) the principal abode of a Qualifying Individual (i.e., the Dependent for whom the Participant is eligible to receive reimbursements under the DCAP); (2) the Participant furnishes over half of the cost of maintaining such household during the taxable year; and (3) during the last six months of the taxable year, the Participant's Spouse is not a member of such household (i.e., the Spouse maintained a separate residence);
or
 - the Participant is single or is the head of the household for federal income tax purposes; or
 - (2) \$2,500 for the calendar year if the Participant is married and resides with the Spouse but files a separate federal income tax return.

The minimum annual benefit amount that a Participant may elect to receive under this Plan in the form of reimbursements for Dependent Care Expenses incurred in any Period of Coverage shall be \$5.00/pay period per paycheck.

(c) *Changes; No Proration.* For subsequent Plan Years, the maximum and minimum dollar limit may be changed by the Plan Administrator and shall be communicated to Employees through the Election Form/Salary Reduction Agreement or another document. If a Participant enters the DCAP Component mid-year or wishes to increase his or her election mid-year as permitted under Section 12.4, then there will be no proration rule—i.e., the Participant may elect coverage up to the maximum dollar limit or may increase coverage up to the maximum dollar limit, as applicable.

(d) *Effect on Maximum Benefits If Election Change Permitted.* Any change in an election under Article XII affecting annual contributions to the DCAP Component also will change the maximum reimbursement benefits for the balance of the Period of Coverage (commencing with the election change), as further limited by Sections 9.4(a) and (b). Such maximum reimbursement benefits for the balance of the Period of Coverage shall be calculated by adding (1) the contributions, if any, made by the Participant as of the end of the portion of the Period of Coverage immediately preceding the change in election, to (2) the total contributions scheduled to be made by the Participant during the remainder of such Period of Coverage to the DCAP Account, reduced by (3) reimbursements during the Period of Coverage.

9.5 Establishment of DCAP Account

The Plan Administrator will establish and maintain a DCAP Account with respect to each Participant who has elected to participate in the DCAP Component, but it will not create a separate fund or otherwise segregate assets for this purpose. The Account so established will merely be a recordkeeping account with the purpose of keeping track of contributions and determining forfeitures under Section 9.6.

- (a) *Crediting of Accounts.* A Participant's DCAP Account will be credited periodically during each Period of Coverage with an amount equal to the Participant's Salary Reductions elected to be allocated to such Account.
- (b) *Debiting of Accounts.* A Participant's DCAP Account will be debited during each Period of Coverage for any reimbursement of Dependent Care Expenses incurred during the Period of Coverage (or for reimbursement of Dependent Care Expenses incurred during any Grace Period to which he or she is entitled as provided in Section 9.4(e)).
- (c) *Available Amount Is Based on Credited Amount.* As described in Section 9.4, the amount available for reimbursement of Dependent Care Expenses may not exceed the year-to-date amount credited to the Participant's DCAP Account, less any prior reimbursements for Dependent Care Expenses incurred during the Plan Year; i.e., it is based on the amount credited to the DCAP Account at a particular point in time. Thus, a Participant's DCAP Account may not have a negative balance.

9.6 Forfeiture of DCAP Accounts; Use-It-or-Lose-It Rule

If any balance remains in the Participant's DCAP Account for a Period of Coverage, after all reimbursements have been made for the Period of Coverage, then such balance shall not be carried over to reimburse the Participant for Dependent Care Expenses incurred during a subsequent Plan Year. The Participant shall forfeit all rights with respect to such balance. All forfeitures under this Plan shall be used as follows: first, to offset any losses experienced by the Employer during the Plan Year as a result of making reimbursements (i.e., providing DCAP Benefits) with respect to all Participants in excess of the Contributions paid by such Participants through Salary Reductions; second, to reduce the cost of administering the DCAP during the Plan Year or the subsequent Plan Year (all such administrative costs shall be documented by the Plan Administrator); and third, to provide increased benefits or compensation to Participants in subsequent years in any weighted or uniform fashion the Plan Administrator deems appropriate, consistent with applicable regulations. In addition, any DCAP Account benefit payments that are unclaimed (e.g., uncashed benefit checks) by the close of the Plan Year following the Period of Coverage in which the Dependent Care Expense was incurred shall be forfeited and applied as described above.

9.7 Reimbursement Claims Procedure for DCAP

- (a) *Timing.* Within 30 days after receipt by the Plan Administrator of a reimbursement claim from a Participant, the Employer will reimburse the Participant for the Participant's Dependent Care Expenses (if the Plan Administrator approves the claim), or the Plan Administrator will notify the Participant that his or her claim has been denied. This time period may be extended by an additional 15 days for matters beyond the control of the Plan Administrator, including in cases where a reimbursement claim is incomplete. The Plan Administrator will provide written notice of any extension, including the reasons for the extension, and will allow the Participant 45 days in which to complete the previously incomplete reimbursement claim.
- (b) *Claims Substantiation.* A Participant who has elected to receive DCAP Benefits for a Period of Coverage may apply for reimbursement by submitting a request for reimbursement in writing to the Plan Administrator in such form as the Plan Administrator may prescribe, by no later than the March 31 following the close of the Plan Year in which the Dependent Care Expense was incurred (except for a Participant who ceases to be eligible to participate, by no later than 90 days after the date that eligibility ceases, as described in Section 9.8), setting forth:
 - the person(s) on whose behalf Dependent Care Expenses have been incurred;

- the nature and date of the Expenses so incurred;
- the amount of the requested reimbursement;
- the name of the person, organization or entity to whom the Expense was or is to be paid, and taxpayer identification number (Social Security number, if the recipient is a person);
- a statement that such Expenses have not otherwise been reimbursed and that the Participant will not seek reimbursement through any other source;
- the Participant's certification that he or she has no reason to believe that the reimbursement requested, added to his or her other reimbursements to date for Dependent Care Expenses incurred during the same calendar year, will exceed the applicable statutory limit for the Participant as described in Section 9.4(b); and
- other such details about the expenses that may be requested by the Plan Administrator in the reimbursement request form or otherwise (e.g., a more detailed certification from the Participant).

The claim shall be accompanied by bills, invoices, or other statements from an independent third party showing that the Dependent Care Expenses have been incurred and showing the amounts of such Expenses, along with any additional documentation that the Plan Administrator may request.

(c) *Claims Denied.* For reimbursement claims that are denied, see the appeals procedure in Article XIII.

9.8 Reimbursements From DCAP After Termination of Participation

When a Participant ceases to be a Participant under Section 3.2, the Participant's Salary Reductions and election to participate will terminate. The Participant will not be able to receive reimbursements for Dependent Care Expenses incurred after the end of the day on which the Participant's employment terminates or the Participant otherwise ceases to be eligible, with one exception: such Participant (or the Participant's estate) may claim reimbursement for any Dependent Care Expenses incurred in the month following termination of employment or other cessation of eligibility if such month is in the current Plan Year, provided that the Participant (or the Participant's estate) files a claim within 90 days after the date that the Participant's employment terminates or the Participant otherwise ceases to be eligible. In addition, such Participant (or the Participant's estate) may claim reimbursement for any Dependent Care Expenses incurred during the Period of Coverage prior to the date that the Participant ceases to be eligible, provided that the Participant (or the Participant's estate) files a claim within 90 days after the date that the Participant ceases to be a Participant.

9.9 Report to DCAP Participants

On or before January 31 of each year, the Plan Administrator shall furnish to each Participant who has received reimbursement for Dependent Care Expenses during the prior calendar year a written statement showing the Dependent Care Expenses paid during such year with respect to the Participant, or showing the Salary Reductions for the year for the DCAP Component, as the Plan Administrator deems appropriate.

ARTICLE X. HIPAA PROVISIONS FOR HEALTH FSA

10.1 General

As a HIPAA Health Plan, the Health FSA shall comply with the standards for privacy of protected health information as set forth in the Privacy Rule, the security standards for the protection of Electronic PHI as set forth in the Security Rule, and the notification requirements for Breaches of Unsecured PHI under the Breach Notification Rule.

10.2 Definitions

For purposes of this Article, the following definitions shall apply:

(a) “*Breach*” shall mean the acquisition, access, use, or disclosure of an individual’s PHI in a manner not permitted under the Privacy Rule. A Breach shall be presumed unless the Plan determines there is a low probability that the PHI has been compromised. A Breach does not include: (1) an unintentional acquisition, access, or use of PHI by a workforce member or person acting under the authority of a covered entity or business associate, if such acquisition, access, or use was in good faith and within the scope of authority and does not result in a further impermissible use or disclosure; (2) an inadvertent disclosure by a person who is authorized to access PHI to another person authorized to access PHI at the same covered entity or business associate or organized health care arrangement, and the information received is not further used or disclosed in a manner not permitted under the Privacy Rule; or (3) a disclosure of PHI where a covered entity or business associate has a good faith belief that an unauthorized person to whom the disclosure was made would not reasonably have been able to retain such information.

(b) “*Breach Notification Rule*” means the regulations issued under HIPAA set forth in subpart D of 45 CFR Part 164.

(c) “*Electronic Protected Health Information*” or “*Electronic PHI*” means PHI that is transmitted by or maintained in electronic media.

(d) “*Health Care Operations*” is as defined under 45 CFR §160.501.

(e) “*HIPAA Health Plan*,” as defined under 45 CFR §160.103, means an individual or group plan that provides, or pays the cost of, medical care, and includes those plans and arrangements listed in 45 CFR §160.103.

(f) “*Payment*” is as defined under 45 CFR §160.501, and means activities undertaken by a HIPAA Health Plan to obtain contributions or to determine or fulfill its responsibility for coverage and provision of benefits, or to obtain or provide reimbursement for the provision of health care.

(g) “*Privacy Policy*” means the Employer HIPAA Privacy Policy.

(h) “*Privacy Rule*” means the regulations issued under HIPAA set forth in subpart E of 45 CFR Part 164.

(i) “*Protected Health Information*” or “*PHI*” means individually identifiable health information that (1) relates to the past, present, or future physical or mental condition of a current or former Participant, Spouse, or Dependent, provision of health care to a Participant, Spouse, or Dependent, or payment for such health care; (2) can either identify the Participant, Spouse, or Dependent, or there is a reasonable basis to believe the information can be used to identify the Participant, Spouse, or Dependent; and (3) is received or created by or on behalf of the Health FSA.

(j) “*Responsible Employee*” means an employee (including a contract, temporary, or leased employee) of the Health FSA or of the Employer whose duties (1) require that the employee have access to PHI for purposes of Payment or Health Care Operations; or (2) make it likely that the employee will receive or have access to PHI. Persons designated as Responsible Employees are described in Section 10.3. A Responsible Employee shall also include any other employee (other than a designated Responsible Employee) who creates or receives PHI on behalf of a Health FSA, even though the employee’s duties do not (or are not expected to) include creating or receiving PHI.

Responsible Employees are within the Employer’s HIPAA firewall when they perform Health FSA functions.

(k) “*Security Incident*,” as defined under 45 CFR §164.304, means the attempted or successful unauthorized access, use, disclosure, modification, or destruction of information or interference with system operations in an information system.

(l) “*Security Rule*” means the regulations issued under HIPAA set forth in subpart C of 45 CFR Part 164.

10.3 Responsible Employees

Only Responsible Employees shall be permitted to use, disclose, create, receive, access, maintain, or transmit PHI or Electronic PHI on behalf of a Health FSA. The use or disclosure of PHI or Electronic PHI by Responsible Employees shall be restricted to the Health FSA administration functions that the Employer performs on behalf of a Health FSA pursuant to Section 10.4.

- (a) Employer employees who perform the following functions on behalf of the Health FSA are Responsible Employees: (1) claims determination and processing functions; (2) Health FSA vendor relations functions; (3) benefits education and information functions; (4) Health FSA administration activities; (5) legal department activities; (6) Health FSA compliance activities; (7) information systems support activities; (8) internal audit functions; and (9) human resources functions.
- (b) In addition to those individuals described in subsection (a), the Health FSA HIPAA privacy officer and security official, and Employer employees to whom the Health FSA HIPAA privacy officer and security official have delegated any of the following responsibilities, shall also be Responsible Employees: (1) implementation, interpretation, and amendment of the Privacy Policy; (2) Privacy Rule, Breach Notification Rule, or Security Rule training for Employer employees; (3) investigation of and response to complaints by Participants, Spouses, Dependents, and/or employees; (4) preparation, maintenance, and distribution of the health FSA's privacy notice; (5) response to requests by Participants, Spouses, or Dependents to inspect or copy PHI; (6) response to requests by Participants, Spouses, or Dependents to restrict the use or disclosure of their PHI; (7) response to requests by Participants, Spouses, or Dependents to receive communications of their PHI by alternate means or in an alternate manner; (8) amendment and response to requests to amend the PHI of Participants, Spouses, or Dependents; (9) response to requests by Participants, Spouses, or Dependents for an accounting of disclosures of their PHI; (10) response to requests for information by the Department of Health and Human Services; (11) approval of disclosures to law enforcement or to the military for government purposes; (12) maintenance of records and other documentation required by the Privacy Rule, Breach Notification Rule, or Security Rule; (13) negotiation of Privacy Rule, Breach Notification Rule, and Security Rule provisions and/or reasonable security provisions into contracts with third-party service providers; (14) maintenance of Health FSA PHI or Electronic PHI security documentation; or (15) approval of access to Electronic PHI by Participants, Spouses, or Dependents.

10.4 Permitted Uses and Disclosures

Responsible Employees may access, request, receive, use, disclose, create, and/or transmit PHI only to perform certain permitted and required functions on behalf of the Health FSA, consistent with the Privacy Policy. This includes:

- (a) uses and disclosures for the Health FSA's own Payment and Health Care Operations functions;
- (b) uses and disclosures for another HIPAA Health Plan's Payment and Health Care Operations functions;
- (c) disclosures to a health care provider, as defined under 45 CFR §160.103, for the health care provider's treatment activities;
- (d) disclosures to the Employer, acting in its role as Plan sponsor, of (1) summary health information for purposes of obtaining health insurance coverage or premium bids for HIPAA Health Plans or for making decisions to modify, amend, or terminate a HIPAA Health Plan; or (2) enrollment or disenrollment information;
- (e) disclosures of a Participant's, Spouse's, or Dependent's PHI to the Participant or the Dependent or his or her personal representative, as defined under 45 CFR §164.502(g);

- (f) disclosures to a Participant's, Spouse's, or Dependent's family members or friends involved in the Participant's, Spouse's, or Dependent's health care or payment for the Participant's, Spouse's, or Dependent's health care, or to notify a Participant's, Spouse's, or Dependent's family in the event of an emergency or disaster relief situation;
- (g) uses and disclosures to comply with workers' compensation laws;
- (h) uses and disclosures for legal and law-enforcement purposes, such as to comply with a court order;
- (i) disclosures to the Secretary of Health and Human Services to demonstrate the Health FSA's compliance with the Privacy Rule, Security Rule, or Breach Notification Rule;
- (j) uses and disclosures for other governmental purposes, such as for national security purposes;
- (k) uses and disclosures for certain health and safety purposes, such as to prevent or lessen a threat to public health, to report suspected cases of abuse, neglect, or domestic violence, or relating to a claim for public benefits or services;
- (l) uses and disclosures to identify a decedent or cause of death, or for tissue-donation purposes;
- (m) uses and disclosures required by other applicable laws; and
- (n) uses and disclosures pursuant to the Participant's authorization that satisfies the requirements of 45 CFR §164.508.

10.5 Prohibited Uses and Disclosures

Notwithstanding anything in the Plan to the contrary, use or disclosure of Protected Health Information is prohibited in the following situations.

- (a) **Genetic Information.** Use or disclosure of Protected Health Information that is Genetic Information about an individual for underwriting purposes shall not be a permitted use or disclosure. The term "underwriting purposes" includes determining eligibility or benefits, computation of premium or contribution amounts, or the creation, renewal, or replacement of a contract of health insurance.
- (b) **Employment-Related Actions.** Use or disclosure of Protected Health Information for the purpose of employment-related actions or decisions shall not be a permitted use or disclosure.
- (c) **Other Benefits.** Use or disclosure of Protected Health Information in connection with any other benefit or employee benefit plan of the Employer, except as expressly permitted in Section 10.4, shall not be a permitted use or disclosure.

10.6 Certification Requirement

The Health FSA shall disclose PHI, including Electronic PHI, to Responsible Employees only upon receipt of a certification by the Employer that the Employer agrees:

- (a) not to use or further disclose PHI other than as permitted or required by this Article and the Privacy Policy or as required by law;
- (b) to take reasonable steps to ensure that any agents to whom the Employer provides PHI or Electronic PHI received from the Health FSA agree: (1) to the same restrictions and conditions that apply to the Employer with respect to such PHI; and (2) to implement reasonable and appropriate security measures to protect such Electronic PHI;
- (c) not to use or disclose PHI for employment-related actions and decisions or in connection with any other benefit or employee benefit plan of the Employer other than another Health Plan;
- (d) to report to the Health FSA any use or disclosure of PHI, including Electronic PHI, that is inconsistent with the uses or disclosures described in Section 10.4, or any Security Incident, of which the Employer becomes aware;
- (e) to make available PHI for inspection and copying in accordance with 45 CFR §164.524;

- (f) to make available PHI for amendment, and to incorporate any amendments to PHI, in accordance with 45 CFR §164.526;
- (g) to make available PHI required to provide an accounting of disclosures in accordance with 45 CFR §164.528;
- (h) to make its internal practices, books, and records relating to the use and disclosure of PHI and Electronic PHI, received on behalf of the Health FSA, available to the Secretary of Health and Human Services for purposes of determining compliance by the Health FSA with the Privacy Rule, the Breach Notification Rule, or the Security Rule;
- (i) if feasible, to return or destroy all PHI and Electronic PHI received from the Health FSA that the Employer still maintains in any form and retain no copies of such PHI and Electronic PHI when no longer needed for the purpose for which disclosure was made, except that, if such return or destruction is not feasible, limit further uses and disclosures to those purposes that make the return or destruction of PHI and Electronic PHI infeasible;
- (j) to take reasonable steps to ensure that there is adequate separation between the Health FSA and the Employer's activities in its role as Health FSA sponsor and employer, and that such adequate separation is supported by reasonable and appropriate security measures; and
- (k) to implement administrative, physical, and technical safeguards that reasonably and appropriately protect the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of any Electronic PHI that the Employer creates, receives, maintains, or transmits on behalf of the FSA.

10.7 Mitigation

In the event of noncompliance with any of the provisions set forth in this Article:

- (a) The HIPAA privacy officer or security official, as appropriate, shall address any complaint promptly and confidentially. The HIPAA privacy officer or security official, as appropriate, first will investigate the complaint and document the investigation efforts and findings.
- (b) If PHI, including Electronic PHI, has been used or disclosed in violation of the Privacy Policy or inconsistent with this Article, the HIPAA privacy officer and/or the security official, as appropriate, shall take immediate steps to mitigate any harm caused by the violation and to minimize the possibility that such a violation will recur.
- (c) If a Responsible Employee or other Employer employee is found to have violated the Privacy Policy and/or policy developed under the Security Rule, such personnel shall be subject to disciplinary action up to and including termination.

10.8 Breach Notification

Following the discovery of a Breach of unsecured PHI, the Health FSA shall notify each individual whose unsecured PHI has been, or is reasonably believed to have been, accessed, acquired, or disclosed as a result of a Breach, in accordance with 45 CFR §164.404, and shall notify the Secretary of Health and Human Services in accordance with 45 CFR §164.408. For a breach of unsecured PHI involving more than 500 residents of a State or jurisdiction, the Health FSA shall notify the media in accordance with 45 CFR §164.406. "Unsecured PHI" means PHI that is not secured through the use of a technology or methodology specified in regulations or other guidance issued by the Secretary of Health and Human Services.

ARTICLE XI. [Reserved.]

ARTICLE XII. Irrevocability of Elections; Exceptions

12.1 Irrevocability of Elections

Except as described in this Article XII, a Participant's election under the Plan is irrevocable for the duration of the Period of Coverage to which it relates. In other words, unless an exception applies, the Participant may not change any elections for the duration of the Period of Coverage regarding:

- participation in this Plan;
- Salary Reduction amounts; or
- election of particular Benefit Package Options (including the various Health FSA Options).

12.2 Procedure for Making New Election If Exception to Irrevocability Applies

- (a) *Timeframe for Making New Election.* A Participant (or an Eligible Employee who, when first eligible under Section 3.1 or during the Open Enrollment Period under Section 3.2, declined to be a Participant) may make a new election within 60 days of the occurrence of an event described in Section 12.4, as applicable, but only if the election under the new Election Form/Salary Reduction Agreement is made on account of and is consistent with the event and if the election is made within any specified time period (e.g., for Sections 12.4(d) through 12.4(i), within 60 days after the events described in such Sections). Notwithstanding the foregoing, a Change in Status (e.g., a divorce or a dependent's losing student status) that results in a beneficiary becoming ineligible for coverage under the Health Insurance Plan shall automatically result in a corresponding election change, whether or not requested by the Participant within the normal 30-day period. Notwithstanding the Salary Reduction Plan timeframe of 60-day notification period, the timeframe may be reduced by health insurance carriers, in which case the health insurance carrier's notification requirements will rule.
- (b) *Effective Date of New Election.* Elections made pursuant to this Section 12.2 shall be effective for the balance of the Period of Coverage following the change of election unless a subsequent event allows for a further election change. Except as provided in Section 12.4(e) for HIPAA special enrollment rights in the event of birth, adoption, or placement for adoption, all election changes shall be effective on a prospective basis only (i.e., election changes will become effective no earlier than the first day of the next calendar month following the date that the election change was filed, but, as determined by the Plan Administrator, election changes may become effective later to the extent that the coverage in the applicable Benefit Package Option commences later).
- (c) *Effect of New Election Upon Amount of Benefits.* For the effect of a changed election upon the maximum and minimum benefits under the Health FSA and DCAP Components, see Sections 7.4 and 9.4 respectively.

12.3 Change in Status Defined

A Participant may make a new election upon the occurrence of certain events as described in Section 12.4, including a Change in Status, for the applicable Component. "Change in Status" means any of the events described below, as well as any other events included under subsequent changes to Code §125 or regulations issued thereunder, which the Plan Administrator, in its sole discretion and on a uniform and consistent basis, determines are permitted under IRS regulations and under this Plan:

- (a) *Legal Marital Status.* A change in a Participant's legal marital status, including marriage, death of a Spouse, divorce, legal separation, or annulment;
- (b) *Number of Dependents.* Events that change a Participant's number of Dependents, including birth, death, adoption, and placement for adoption;
- (c) *Employment Status.* Any of the following events that change the employment status of the Participant or his or her Spouse or Dependents: (1) a termination or commencement of employment; (2) a strike or lockout; (3) a commencement of or return from an unpaid leave of absence; (4) a change in worksite; and (5) if the eligibility conditions of this Plan

or other employee benefits plan of the Participant or his or her Spouse or Dependents depend on the employment status of that individual and there is a change in that individual's status with the consequence that the individual becomes (or ceases to be) eligible under this Plan or other employee benefits plan, such as if a plan only applies to salaried employees and an employee switches from salaried to hourly-paid, union to non-union, or full-time to part-time (or vice versa), with the consequence that the employee ceases to be eligible for the Plan;

- (d) *Dependent Eligibility Requirements.* An event that causes a Dependent to satisfy or cease to satisfy the Dependent eligibility requirements for a particular benefit, such as attaining a specified age, student status, or any similar circumstance; and
- (e) *Change in Residence.* A change in the place of residence of the Participant or his or her Spouse or Dependents.

12.4 Events Permitting Exception to Irrevocability Rule for All Benefits

A Participant may change an election as described below upon the occurrence of the stated events for the applicable component of this Plan:

- (a) *Open Enrollment Period* (Applies to Premium Payment, Health FSA, and DCAP Benefits). A Participant may change an election during the Open Enrollment Period in accordance with Section 3.2.
- (b) *Termination of Employment* (Applies to Premium Payment, Health FSA, and DCAP Benefits). A Participant's election will terminate under the Plan upon termination of employment in accordance with Sections 3.3 and 3.4, as applicable.
- (c) *Leaves of Absence* (Applies to Premium Payment, Health FSA, and DCAP Benefits). A Participant may change an election under the Plan upon FMLA leave in accordance with Section 3.4 and upon non-FMLA leave in accordance with Section 3.5.
- (d) *Change in Status* (Applies to Premium Payment Benefits, Health FSA Benefits as Limited Below, and DCAP Benefits as Limited Below). A Participant may change his or her election under the Plan upon the occurrence of a Change in Status, but only if such election change is made on account of and corresponds with a Change in Status that affects eligibility for coverage under a plan of the Employer or a plan of the Spouse's or Dependent's employer (referred to as the general consistency requirement). A Change in Status that affects eligibility for coverage under a plan of the Employer or a plan of the Spouse's or Dependent's employer includes a Change in Status that results in an increase or decrease in the number of an Employee's family members (i.e., a Spouse and/or Dependents) who may benefit from the coverage.

Election changes may not be made to reduce Health FSA coverage during a Period of Coverage; however, election changes may be made to cancel Health FSA coverage completely due to the occurrence of any of the following events: death of a Spouse, divorce, legal separation, or annulment; death of a Dependent; change in employment status such that the Participant becomes ineligible for Health FSA coverage; or a Dependent's ceasing to satisfy eligibility requirements for Health FSA coverage. Notwithstanding the foregoing, such cancellation will not become effective to the extent that it would reduce future contributions to the Health FSA to a point where the total contributions for the Plan Year are less than the amount already reimbursed for the Plan Year.

The Plan Administrator, in its sole discretion and on a uniform and consistent basis, shall determine, based on prevailing IRS guidance, whether a requested change is on account of and corresponds with a Change in Status. Assuming that the general consistency requirement is satisfied, a requested election change must also satisfy the following specific consistency requirements in order for a Participant to be able to alter his or her election based on the specified Change in Status:

(1) *Loss of Spouse or Dependent Eligibility; Special COBRA Rules.* For a Change in Status involving a Participant's divorce, annulment, or legal separation from a Spouse, the death of a Spouse or a Dependent, or a Dependent's ceasing to satisfy the eligibility requirements for coverage, a Participant may only elect to cancel accident or health insurance coverage for (a) the Spouse involved in the divorce, annulment, or legal separation; (b) the deceased Spouse or Dependent; or (c) the Dependent that ceased to satisfy the eligibility requirements.

Canceling coverage for any other individual under these circumstances would fail to correspond with that Change in Status. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Participant or his or her Spouse or Dependent becomes eligible for COBRA (or similar health plan continuation coverage under state law) under the Employer's plan because of a reduction of hours or because the Participant's Dependent ceases to satisfy the eligibility requirements for coverage (and the Participant remains a Participant under this Plan in accordance with Section 3.2), then the Participant may increase his or her election to pay for such coverage.

(2) *Gain of Coverage Eligibility Under Another Employer's Plan.* For a Change in Status in which a Participant or his or her Spouse or Dependent gains eligibility for coverage under a cafeteria plan or qualified benefit plan of the employer of the Participant's Spouse or Dependent as a result of a change in marital status or a change in employment status, a Participant may elect to cease or decrease coverage for that individual only if coverage for that individual becomes effective or is increased under the Spouse's or Dependent's employer's plan. The Plan Administrator may rely on a Participant's certification that the Participant has obtained or will obtain coverage under the Spouse's or Dependent's employer's plan, unless the Plan Administrator has reason to believe that the Participant's certification is incorrect.

(3) *Special Consistency Rule for DCAP Benefits.* With respect to the DCAP Benefits, a Participant may change or terminate his or her election upon a Change in Status if (a) such change or termination is made on account of and corresponds with a Change in Status that affects eligibility for coverage under an employer's plan; or (b) the election change is on account of and corresponds with a Change in Status that affects eligibility of Dependent Care Expenses for the tax exclusion under Code §129.

(e) *HIPAA Special Enrollment Rights (Applies Only to Premium Payment Benefits for the Medical Insurance Plan).* If a Participant or his or her Spouse or Dependent is entitled to special enrollment rights under a group health plan (other than an excepted benefit), as required by HIPAA under Code §9801(f), then a Participant may revoke a prior election for group health plan coverage and make a new election (including, when required by HIPAA, an election to enroll in another benefit package under a group health plan), provided that the election change corresponds with such HIPAA special enrollment rights. As required by HIPAA, a special enrollment right will arise in the following circumstances:

- (1) a Participant or his or her Spouse or Dependent declined to enroll in group health plan coverage because he or she had coverage, and eligibility for such coverage is subsequently lost because: (1) the coverage was provided under COBRA, and the COBRA coverage was exhausted; or (2) the coverage was non-COBRA coverage, and the coverage terminated due to loss of eligibility for coverage or the employer contributions for the coverage were terminated;
- (2) a new Dependent is acquired as a result of marriage, birth, adoption, or placement for adoption;
- (3) the Participant's or Dependent's coverage under a Medicaid plan or state children's health insurance program is terminated as a result of loss of eligibility for such coverage; or
- (4) the Participant or Dependent becomes eligible for a state premium assistance subsidy from a Medicaid plan or through a state children's health insurance program with respect to coverage under the group health plan.

An election to add previously eligible Dependents as a result of the acquisition of a new Spouse or Dependent child shall be considered to be consistent with the special enrollment

right. An election change on account of a HIPAA special enrollment attributable to the birth, adoption, or placement for adoption of a new Dependent child may, subject to the provisions of the underlying group health plan, be effective retroactively (up to 30 days).

For purposes of Section 12.3(e)(1), the term “loss of eligibility” includes (but is not limited to) loss of eligibility due to legal separation, divorce, cessation of dependent status, death of an employee, termination of employment, reduction of hours, or any loss of eligibility for coverage that is measured with reference to any of the foregoing; loss of coverage offered through an HMO that does not provide benefits to individuals who do not reside, live, or work in the service area because an individual no longer resides, lives, or works in the service area (whether or not within the choice of the individual), and in the case of HMO coverage in the group market, no other benefit package is available to the individual; a situation in which an individual incurs a claim that would meet or exceed a lifetime limit on all benefits; and a situation in which a plan no longer offers any benefits to the class of similarly situated individuals that includes the individual.

- (f) *Certain Judgments, Decrees, and Orders* (Applies to Premium Payment and Health FSA Benefits, but Not to DCAP Benefits). If a judgment, decree, or order (collectively, an “Order”) resulting from a divorce, legal separation, annulment, or change in legal custody (including a QMCSO) requires accident or health coverage (including an election for Health FSA Benefits) for a Participant’s child (including a foster child who is a Dependent of the Participant), then a Participant may (1) change his or her election to provide coverage for the child (provided that the Order requires the Participant to provide coverage); or (2) change his or her election to revoke coverage for the child if the Order requires that another individual (including the Participant’s Spouse or former Spouse) provide coverage under that individual’s plan, and such coverage is actually provided.
- (g) *Medicare and Medicaid* (Applies to Premium Payment Benefits, to Health FSA Benefits as Limited Below, but Not to DCAP Benefits). If a Participant or his or her Spouse or Dependent who is enrolled in a health or accident plan under this Plan becomes entitled to (i.e., becomes enrolled in) Medicare or Medicaid (other than coverage consisting solely of benefits under Section 1928 of the Social Security Act providing for pediatric vaccines), then the Participant may prospectively reduce or cancel the health or accident coverage of the person becoming entitled to Medicare or Medicaid and/or the Participant’s Health FSA coverage may be canceled (but not reduced). Notwithstanding the foregoing, such cancellation will not become effective to the extent that it would reduce future contributions to the Health FSA to a point where the total contributions for the Plan Year are less than the amount already reimbursed for the Plan Year. Furthermore, if a Participant or his or her Spouse or Dependent who has been entitled to Medicare or Medicaid loses eligibility for such coverage, then the Participant may prospectively elect to commence or increase the accident or health coverage of the individual who loses Medicare or Medicaid eligibility and/or the Participant’s Health FSA coverage may commence or increase.
- (h) *Change in Cost* (Applies to Premium Payment Benefits, to DCAP Benefits as Limited Below, but Not to Health FSA Benefits). For purposes of this Section 12.3(h), “similar coverage” means coverage for the same category of benefits for the same individuals (e.g., family to family or single to single). For example, two plans that provide major medical coverage are considered to be similar coverage. For purposes of this definition, (1) a health FSA is not similar coverage with respect to an accident or health plan that is not a health FSA; (2) an HMO and a PPO are considered to be similar coverage; and (3) coverage by another employer, such as a Spouse’s or Dependent’s employer, may be treated as similar coverage if it otherwise meets the requirements of similar coverage.
- (1) *Increase or Decrease for Insignificant Cost Changes*. Participants are required to increase their elective contributions (by increasing Salary Reductions) to reflect insignificant increases in their required contribution for their Benefit Package Option(s), and to decrease their elective

contributions to reflect insignificant decreases in their required contribution. The Plan Administrator, in its sole discretion and on a uniform and consistent basis, will determine whether an increase or decrease is insignificant based upon all the surrounding facts and circumstances, including but not limited to the dollar amount or percentage of the cost change. The Plan Administrator, on a reasonable and consistent basis, will automatically effectuate this increase or decrease in affected employees' elective contributions on a prospective basis.

(2) *Significant Cost Increases.* If the Plan Administrator determines that the cost charged to an Employee of a Participant's Benefit Package Option(s) (such as the PPO for the Medical Insurance Plan) significantly increases during a Period of Coverage, then the Participant may (a) make a corresponding prospective increase in his or her elective contributions (by increasing Salary Reductions); (b) revoke his or her election for that coverage, and in lieu thereof, receive on a prospective basis coverage under another Benefit Package Option that provides similar coverage (such as an HMO, but not the Health FSA); or (c) drop coverage prospectively if there is no other Benefit Package Option available that provides similar coverage. The Plan Administrator, in its sole discretion and on a uniform and consistent basis, will decide whether a cost increase is significant in accordance with prevailing IRS guidance.

(3) *Significant Cost Decreases.* If the Plan Administrator determines that the cost of any Benefit Package Option (such as the PPO for the Medical Insurance Plan) significantly decreases during a Period of Coverage, then the Plan Administrator may permit the following election changes: (a) Participants enrolled in that Benefit Package Option may make a corresponding prospective decrease in their elective contributions (by decreasing Salary Reductions); (b) Participants who are enrolled in another Benefit Package Option (such as an HMO, but not the Health FSA) may change their election on a prospective basis to elect the Benefit Package Option that has decreased in cost (such as the PPO for the Medical Insurance Plan); or (c) Employees who are otherwise eligible under Section 3.1 may elect the Benefit Package Option that has decreased in cost (such as the PPO) on a prospective basis, subject to the terms and limitations of the Benefit Package Option. The Plan Administrator, in its sole discretion and on a uniform and consistent basis, will decide whether a cost decrease is significant in accordance with prevailing IRS guidance.

(4) *Limitation on Change in Cost Provisions for DCAP Benefits.* The above "Change in Cost" provisions (Sections 12.3(h)(1) through 12.3(h)(3)) apply to DCAP Benefits only if the cost change is imposed by a dependent care provider who is not a "relative" of the Employee. For this purpose, a relative is an individual who is related as described in Code §§152(d)(2)(A) through (G), incorporating the rules of Code §§152(f)(1) and 152(f)(4).

(i) *Change in Coverage* (Applies to Premium Payment and DCAP Benefits, but Not to Health FSA Benefits). The definition of "similar coverage" under Section 12.3(h) applies also to this Section 12.3(i).

(1) *Significant Curtailment.* If coverage is "significantly curtailed" (as defined below), Participants may elect coverage under another Benefit Package Option that provides similar coverage. In addition, as set forth below, if the coverage curtailment results in a "Loss of Coverage" (as defined below), then Participants may drop coverage if no similar coverage is offered by the Employer. The Plan Administrator in its sole discretion, on a uniform and consistent basis, will decide, in accordance with prevailing IRS guidance, whether a curtailment is "significant," and whether a Loss of Coverage has occurred.

(a) *Significant Curtailment Without Loss of Coverage.* If the Plan Administrator determines that a Participant's coverage under a Benefit Package Option under this Plan (or the Participant's Spouse's or Dependent's coverage under his or her employer's plan) is significantly curtailed without a Loss of Coverage (for example, when there is a significant increase in the deductible, the co-pay, or the out-of-pocket cost-sharing limit under an accident or health plan, such as the PPO under the Medical

Insurance Plan) during a Period of Coverage, the Participant may revoke his or her election for the affected coverage, and in lieu thereof, prospectively elect coverage under another Benefit Package Option that provides similar coverage (such as the HMO, but not the Health FSA). Coverage under a plan is deemed to be “significantly curtailed” only if there is an overall reduction in coverage provided under the plan so as to constitute reduced coverage generally.

(b) Significant Curtailment with a Loss of Coverage. If the Plan Administrator determines that a Participant’s Benefit Package Option (such as the PPO under the Medical Insurance Plan) coverage under this Plan (or the Participant’s Spouse’s or Dependent’s coverage under his or her employer’s plan) is significantly curtailed, and if such curtailment results in a Loss of Coverage during a Period of Coverage, then the Participant may revoke his or her election for the affected coverage and may either prospectively elect coverage under another Benefit Package Option that provides similar coverage (such as the HMO, but not the Health FSA) or drop coverage if no other Benefit Package Option providing similar coverage is offered by the Employer.

(c) Definition of Loss of Coverage. For purposes of this Section 12.3(i)(1), a “Loss of Coverage” means a complete loss of coverage (including the elimination of a Benefit Package Option, an HMO ceasing to be available where the Participant or his or her Spouse or Dependent resides, or a Participant or his or her Spouse or Dependent losing all coverage under the Benefit Package Option by reason of an overall lifetime or annual limitation). In addition, the Plan Administrator, in its sole discretion, on a uniform and consistent basis, may treat the following as a Loss of Coverage:

- a substantial decrease in the medical care providers available under the Benefit Package Option (such as a major hospital ceasing to be a member of a preferred provider network or a substantial decrease in the number of physicians participating in the PPO for the Medical Insurance Plan or in an HMO);
- a reduction in benefits for a specific type of medical condition or treatment with respect to which the Participant or his or her Spouse or Dependent is currently in a course of treatment; or
- any other similar fundamental loss of coverage.

(d) DCAP Coverage Changes. A Participant may make a prospective election change that is on account of and corresponds with a change by the Participant in the dependent care service provider. For example: (a) if the Participant terminates one dependent care service provider and hires a new dependent care service provider, then the Participant may change coverage to reflect the cost of the new service provider; and (b) if the Participant terminates a dependent care service provider because a relative becomes available to take care of the child at no charge, then the Participant may cancel coverage.

(2) *Addition or Significant Improvement of a Benefit Package Option.* If during a Period of Coverage the Plan adds a new Benefit Package Option or significantly improves an existing Benefit Package Option, the Plan Administrator may permit the following election changes:

(a) Participants who are enrolled in a Benefit Package Option other than the newly added or significantly improved Benefit Package Option may change their elections on a prospective basis to elect the newly added or significantly improved Benefit Package Option; and (b) Employees who are otherwise eligible under Section 3.1 may elect the newly added or significantly improved Benefit Package Option on a prospective basis, subject to the terms and limitations of the Benefit Package Option. The Plan Administrator, in its sole discretion and on a uniform and consistent basis, will decide whether there has been an addition of, or a significant improvement in, a Benefit Package Option in accordance with prevailing IRS guidance.

(3) **Loss of Coverage Under Other Group Health Coverage.** A Participant may prospectively change his or her election to add group health coverage for the Participant or his or her Spouse or Dependent, if such individual(s) loses coverage under any group health coverage sponsored by a governmental or educational institution, including (but not limited to) the following: a state children's health insurance program under Title XXI of the Social Security Act; a medical care program of an Indian Tribal government (as defined in Code §7701(a)(40)), the Indian Health Service, or a tribal organization; a state health benefits risk pool; or a foreign government group health plan, subject to the terms and limitations of the applicable Benefit Package Option(s).

(4) **Change in Coverage Under Another Employer Plan.** A Participant may make a prospective election change that is on account of and corresponds with a change made under an employer plan (including a plan of the Employer or a plan of the Spouse's or Dependent's employer), so long as (a) the other cafeteria plan or qualified benefits plan permits its participants to make an election change that would be permitted under applicable IRS regulations; or (b) the Plan permits Participants to make an election for a Period of Coverage that is different from the plan year under the other cafeteria plan or qualified benefits plan. For example, if an election is made by the Participant's Spouse during his or her employer's open enrollment to drop coverage, the Participant may add coverage to replace the dropped coverage. The Plan Administrator, in its sole discretion and on a uniform and consistent basis, will decide whether a requested change is on account of and corresponds with a change made under the other employer plan, in accordance with prevailing IRS guidance.

(j) **Reduction of Hours (Applies Only to Premium Payment Benefits for the Medical Insurance Plan).**

A Participant who was reasonably expected to average 30 hours of service or more per week and experiences an employment status change such that he or she is reasonably expected to average less than 30 hours of service per week may prospectively revoke his or her election for Medical Insurance Plan coverage, provided that the Participant certifies that he or she and any related individuals whose coverage is being revoked have enrolled or intend to enroll in another plan providing minimum essential coverage under health care reform for coverage that is effective no later than the first day of the second month following the month that includes the date the Medical Insurance Plan coverage is revoked.

(k) **Exchange Enrollment (Applies Only to Premium Payment Benefits for the Medical Insurance Plan).** A Participant who is eligible to enroll for coverage in a government-sponsored Exchange (Marketplace) during an Exchange special or annual open enrollment period may prospectively revoke his or her election for Medical Insurance Plan coverage, provided that the Participant certifies that he or she and any related individuals whose coverage is being revoked have enrolled or intend to enroll in new Exchange coverage that is effective no later than the day immediately following the last day of the Medical Insurance Plan coverage.

A Participant entitled to change an election as described in this Section 12.3 must do so in accordance with the procedures described in Section 12.2.

12.5 Election Modifications Required by Plan Administrator

The Plan Administrator may, at any time, require any Participant or class of Participants to amend the amount of their Salary Reductions for a Period of Coverage if the Plan Administrator determines that such action is necessary or advisable in order to (a) satisfy any of the Code's nondiscrimination requirements applicable to this Plan or other cafeteria plan; (b) prevent any Employee or class of Employees from having to recognize more income for federal income tax purposes from the receipt of benefits hereunder than would otherwise be recognized; (c) maintain the qualified status of benefits received under this Plan; or (d) satisfy Code nondiscrimination requirements or other limitations applicable to the Employer's qualified plans. In the event that contributions need to be reduced for a class of Participants, the Plan Administrator will reduce the Salary Reduction amounts for each affected Participant, beginning with the Participant in the class who had elected the highest Salary Reduction amount and continuing with the

Participant in the class who had elected the next-highest Salary Reduction amount, and so forth, until the defect is corrected.

ARTICLE XIII. Appeals Procedure

13.1 Procedure If Benefits Are Denied Under This Plan

If a claim for reimbursement under this Plan is wholly or partially denied, then claims shall be administered in accordance with the claims procedure set forth in the summary plan description for this Plan. The Executive Director of F5VC acts on behalf of the Plan Administrator with respect to appeals.

13.2 Claims Procedures for Health Insurance Benefits

Claims and reimbursement for Health Insurance shall be administered in accordance with the claims procedures for the Health Insurance Benefits, as set forth in the plan documents and/or summary plan description(s) for the Health Insurance Plan(s).

13.3 Claims Deadline

Unless otherwise provided herein or required pursuant to applicable law, a claim for benefits under this Plan must be made within one year after the date the expense was incurred that gives rise to the claim. It is the responsibility of the Employee or his or her designee to make sure this requirement is met.

13.4 Limitations Period for Filing Suit

Unless otherwise provided herein or required pursuant to applicable law, a suit for benefits under this Plan must be brought within one year after the date of a final decision on the claim in accordance with the applicable claims procedure.

ARTICLE XIV. Recordkeeping and Administration

14.1 Plan Administrator

The administration of this Plan shall be under the supervision of the Plan Administrator. It is the principal duty of the Plan Administrator to see that this Plan is carried out, in accordance with its terms, for the exclusive benefit of persons entitled to participate in this Plan without discrimination among them.

14.2 Powers of the Plan Administrator

The Plan Administrator shall have such duties and powers as it considers necessary or appropriate to discharge its duties. It shall have the exclusive right to interpret the Plan and to decide all matters thereunder, and all determinations of the Plan Administrator with respect to any matter hereunder shall be conclusive and binding on all persons. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Plan Administrator shall have the following discretionary authority:

- (a) to construe and interpret this Plan, including all possible ambiguities, inconsistencies, and omissions in the Plan and related documents, and to decide all questions of fact, questions relating to eligibility and participation, and questions of benefits under this Plan (provided that, notwithstanding the first paragraph in this Section 14.2, the Committee shall exercise such exclusive power with respect to an appeal of a claim under Section 13.1);
- (b) to prescribe procedures to be followed and the forms to be used by Employees and Participants to make elections pursuant to this Plan;
- (c) to prepare and distribute information explaining this Plan and the benefits under this Plan in such manner as the Plan Administrator determines to be appropriate;

- (d) to request and receive from all Employees and Participants such information as the Plan Administrator shall from time to time determine to be necessary for the proper administration of this Plan;
- (e) to furnish each Employee and Participant with such reports with respect to the administration of this Plan as the Plan Administrator determines to be reasonable and appropriate, including appropriate statements setting forth the amounts by which a Participant's Compensation has been reduced in order to provide benefits under this Plan;
- (f) to receive, review, and keep on file such reports and information regarding the benefits covered by this Plan as the Plan Administrator determines from time to time to be necessary and proper;
- (g) to appoint and employ such individuals or entities to assist in the administration of this Plan as it determines to be necessary or advisable, including legal counsel and benefit consultants;
- (h) to sign documents for the purposes of administering this Plan, or to designate an individual or individuals to sign documents for the purposes of administering this Plan;
- (i) to secure independent medical or other advice and require such evidence as it deems necessary to decide any claim or appeal; and
- (j) to maintain the books of accounts, records, and other data in the manner necessary for proper administration of this Plan and to meet any applicable disclosure and reporting requirements.

14.3 Reliance on Participant, Tables, etc.

The Plan Administrator may rely upon the direction, information, or election of a Participant as being proper under the Plan and shall not be responsible for any act or failure to act because of a direction or lack of direction by a Participant. The Plan Administrator will also be entitled, to the extent permitted by law, to rely conclusively on all tables, valuations, certificates, opinions, and reports that are furnished by accountants, attorneys, or other experts employed or engaged by the Plan Administrator.

14.4 Provision for Third-Party Plan Service Providers

The Plan Administrator, subject to approval of the Employer, may employ the services of such persons as it may deem necessary or desirable in connection with the operation of the Plan. Unless otherwise provided in the service agreement, obligations under this Plan shall remain the obligation of the Employer.

14.5 Fiduciary Liability

To the extent permitted by law, the Plan Administrator shall not incur any liability for any acts or for failure to act except for their own willful misconduct or willful breach of this Plan.

14.6 Compensation of Plan Administrator

Unless otherwise determined by the Employer and permitted by law, any Plan Administrator that is also an Employee of the Employer shall serve without compensation for services rendered in such capacity, but all reasonable expenses incurred in the performance of their duties shall be paid by the Employer.

14.7 Bonding

The Plan Administrator shall be bonded to the extent required by ERISA.

14.8 Insurance Contracts

The Employer shall have the right (a) to enter into a contract with one or more insurance companies for the purposes of providing any benefits under the Plan; and (b) to replace any of such insurance companies or contracts. Any dividends, retroactive rate adjustments, or other refunds of any type that may become payable under any such insurance contract shall not be assets of the Plan but shall be the property of and be

retained by the Employer, to the extent that such amounts are less than aggregate Employer contributions toward such insurance.

14.9 Inability to Locate Payee

If the Plan Administrator is unable to make payment to any Participant or other person to whom a payment is due under the Plan because it cannot ascertain the identity or whereabouts of such Participant or other person after reasonable efforts have been made to identify or locate such person, then such payment and all subsequent payments otherwise due to such Participant or other person shall be forfeited following a reasonable time after the date any such payment first became due.

14.10 Effect of Mistake

In the event of a mistake as to the eligibility or participation of an Employee, the allocations made to the account of any Participant, or the amount of benefits paid or to be paid to a Participant or other person, the Plan Administrator shall, to the extent that it deems administratively possible and otherwise permissible under Code §125 or the regulations issued thereunder, cause to be allocated or cause to be withheld or accelerated, or otherwise make adjustment of, such amounts as it will in its judgment accord to such Participant or other person the credits to the account or distributions to which he or she is properly entitled under the Plan. Such action by the Plan Administrator may include withholding of any amounts due to the Plan or the Employer from Compensation paid by the Employer.

ARTICLE XV. General Provisions

15.1 Expenses

All reasonable expenses incurred in administering the Plan are currently paid by forfeitures to the extent provided in Section 7.6 with respect to Health FSA Benefits and Section 9.6 with respect to DCAP Benefits, and then by the Employer.

15.2 No Contract of Employment

Nothing herein contained is intended to be or shall be construed as constituting a contract or other arrangement between any Employee and the Employer to the effect that such Employee will be employed for any specific period of time. All Employees are considered to be employed at the will of the Employer.

15.3 Amendment and Termination

This Plan has been established with the intent of being maintained for an indefinite period of time. Nonetheless, F5VC may amend or terminate all or any part of this Plan at any time for any reason by resolution of F5VC or by any person or persons authorized by the Commission to take such action, and any such amendment or termination will automatically apply to the Related Employers that are participating in this Plan.

15.4 Governing Law

This Plan shall be construed, administered, and enforced according to the laws of the State of California to the extent not superseded by the Code, ERISA, or any other federal law.

15.5 Code, ERISA and HIPAA Compliance

It is intended that this Plan meet all applicable requirements of the Code, ERISA, HIPAA and of all regulations issued thereunder. (ERISA applies to the Health Insurance Plan and the Health FSA Component but not to the DCAP Component. HIPAA applies to major medical insurance but not to other health insurance plans such as dental and vision insurance.) This Plan shall be construed, operated, and administered accordingly, and in the event of any conflict between any part, clause, or provision of this Plan and the Code and/or ERISA, the provisions of the Code and ERISA shall be deemed controlling, and

any conflicting part, clause, or provision of this Plan shall be deemed superseded to the extent of the conflict.

15.6 No Guarantee of Tax Consequences

Neither the Plan Administrator nor the Employer makes any commitment or guarantee that any amounts paid to or for the benefit of a Participant under this Plan will be excludable from the Participant's gross income for federal, state, or local income tax purposes. It shall be the obligation of each Participant to determine whether each payment under this Plan is excludable from the Participant's gross income for federal, state, and local income tax purposes and to notify the Plan Administrator if the Participant has any reason to believe that such payment is not so excludable.

15.7 Indemnification of Employer

If any Participant receives one or more payments or reimbursements under this Plan on a tax-free basis and if such payments do not qualify for such treatment under the Code, then such Participant shall indemnify and reimburse the Employer for any liability that it may incur for failure to withhold federal income taxes, Social Security taxes, or other taxes from such payments or reimbursements.

15.8 Non-Assignability of Rights

The right of any Participant to receive any reimbursement under this Plan shall not be alienable by the Participant by assignment or any other method and shall not be subject to claims by the Participant's creditors by any process whatsoever. Any attempt to cause such right to be so subjected will not be recognized, except to the extent required by law.

15.9 Headings

The headings of the various Articles and Sections are inserted for convenience of reference and are not to be regarded as part of this Plan or as indicating or controlling the meaning or construction of any provision.

15.10 Plan Provisions Controlling

In the event that the terms or provisions of any summary or description of this Plan are in any construction interpreted as being in conflict with the provisions of this Plan as set forth in this document, the provisions of this Plan shall be controlling.

15.11 Severability

Should any part of this Plan subsequently be invalidated by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of the Plan shall be given effect to the maximum extent possible.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, and as conclusive evidence of the adoption of the foregoing instrument comprising the Children & Families First Commission of Ventura County Salary Reduction Plan, Children & Families First Commission of Ventura County has caused this Plan to be executed in its name and on its behalf, on this _____ day of _____, 20____.

Children & Families First Commission of Ventura County

By: _____
Its Executive Director

Witness
Signature: _____

Appendix A
Related Employers That Have Adopted This Plan,
With the Approval of Children & Families First Commission of Ventura
County

(No Related Employers have adopted this Plan. Children & Families First Commission of Ventura County is the only employer participating in this Plan.)

Appendix B
Medical Expenses Excluded from Plan

There are no current Medical Expense exclusions to this Plan as defined by IRS Code §213(d).