

How to submit a claim for dependent care accounts

We offer 3 easy ways for you to access your dependent care account funds. For fastest results, we encourage you to submit your claim with the Optum Financial mobile app.

For dependent care accounts, you may only receive reimbursements for services already incurred. An expense is incurred when a service is received, not when a bill is paid. Even though your service provider may require payment at the beginning of the service period, you cannot request reimbursement until after the service is provided.

Mobile app claim submission – fastest method

1. **Collect documentation:** Collect an itemized statement from your dependent care provider containing the required information (provider's name and address, dependent's name, service period, payment amount and care being provided, and provider's signature and SSN or taxpayer identification number (TIN). Or, ask your provider to complete the provider certification section on the dependent care account claim form. If your provider completes the provider certification, you can submit that as your documentation.
2. **Submit claim and documentation:** Download the Optum Financial mobile app from your app store. Sign in using your existing Optum Financial website username and password. Click "Make a payment" from the main screen. Enter the requested information about your claim and continue through the screens to confirm, take a picture of your documentation, upload the picture to the created claim and submit.

Online claim submission

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2. **Submit claim and documentation:** Sign in to your online account at my.optum.com/etf. Follow the instructions to enter a new claim. Enter the requested information about your claim and continue through the screens to submit the claim and required documentation via fax or upload.

Paper claim submission

1. **Collect documentation:** Ask your provider to complete the provider certification section on the dependent care account claim form (included in this document). If your provider completes the provider certification, you do not have to submit additional documentation. Or, collect an itemized statement from your dependent care provider containing the required information (provider's name and address, dependent's name, service period, payment amount, care being provided, the provider's signature and SSN or TIN).
2. **Submit claim and documentation:** Fax the form with receipts and required documentation to **1-443-681-4602**. When you fax the form and supporting documentation, there is no need to follow up with a hard copy in the mail. Remember to keep the original claim form and supporting documents for your records.

If you choose to mail your form and documentation instead of faxing, the address is:

Claims Department
P.O. Box 622317
Orlando, FL 32862-2317

Dependent care account claim and provider documentation form

Use this form to submit your claims for reimbursement of eligible dependent care expenses.

- **Eligible items** include dependent day care expenses so you and/or your spouse can work, look for work, or attend school full-time. For example, the account may cover child and elder day care, before- and after-school care expenses, summer day camp, nursery school, and pre-school costs.
- You may only receive reimbursements for services already incurred. An expense is incurred when a service is received, not when a bill is paid. Even though your service provider may require payment at the beginning of the service period, you cannot request reimbursement until after the service is provided.
- **Provider certification or documentation is required.** If your provider completes the Provider Certification section below, you do not have to submit additional documentation. Or, you may attach an itemized statement from your provider showing provider's name and address, dependent's name, service period, payment amount, care provided, the provider's signature and SSN or TIN. Canceled checks, credit card receipts or balance forward statements are not acceptable.
- Complete all entries on this submission form. Please print or type. Sign and date this form, then submit using the mobile app or online. Or you may fax or mail this form, along with any additional required documentation, to the claims department. (Mobile app submission is fastest).

Personal information							
Name of employer				Claim # (if claim has already been entered online)			
Employee name (last name, first name)				Last 4 digits of Social Security Number			
About your expenses							
Dependent care expenses	Date of service MM/DD/YY	Expense amount	Name of service provider	Dependent receiving service	Provider certification (in place of supporting documentation)		
				Name	Amount	Signature	TIN #
Expense ❶		\$			\$		
Expense ❷		\$			\$		
Expense ❸		\$			\$		
Authorization and certification							
<p>Read carefully: This claim will not be processed without your signature.</p> <p>I certify that these expenses have been incurred by me or my spouse. The expenses have not been reimbursed and are not reimbursable under any other plan, such as an individual policy or my spouse's or dependent's plan. I understand that any amount reimbursed may not be used to claim any federal income tax deduction or credit on my or my spouse's income tax return. I further certify that dependent care expenses were incurred for the purpose of allowing me (and my spouse, if applicable) to be gainfully employed. I certify that these expenses are for the care of a Qualifying Dependent and that the expenses qualify as valid Dependent Care Expenses as defined by the Internal Revenue Service.</p>							
Employee Signature				Date			
Submission instructions: It's fastest and easiest to submit this form using the mobile app or online. You may also fax or mail.							
Fax: 1-443-681-4602				Mail: Claims department P.O. Box 622317 Orlando, FL 32862-2317			
Have questions? Check out my.optum.com/etf or get support 24/7 at 1-833-881-8158.							