# Out-of-Scope Employees Flexible Benefit Account Program Examples of Eligible and Ineligible Items

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Eligible		Not Eligible		
<u>Financial Related</u>		<u>Fir</u>	Financial Related	
•	PEPP Contribution	•	Registered Education Savings Plan (RESP)	
•	RRSP (including spousal)	•	Other Investments (that are not for the purpose	
•	Professional Financial Advice		of retirement or long-term financial planning/	
•	Costs incurred to prepare a will		savings)	
•	Student Line of Credit or Student Loan (For	•	Annual Income Tax Return filing	
	employee only; repayment of other family			
	members is not eligible))			
•	Tax sheltered GIC's			
•	Tax-Free Savings Account			
•	Registered Disability Saving Plan (RDSP)			
Physical Activities		Physical Activities		
•	League fees for such things as curling, bowling,	•	Memberships or fees for individual family members	
	ball, hockey	•	Food of any kind	
•	Memberships such as gym membership (including	•	Spa treatments	
	family memberships as well as locker fees), golf	•	Spectator events	
	memberships, yoga (all varieties)	•	Travel and accommodation	
•	Memberships to online fitness programs (e.g.,	•	Nutrition supplements such as power bars, energy	
	beach body on demand)		drinks, vitamins, steroids, nutrition pills	
•	Mobile apps (subscription based) that support	•	Health care costs for vaccinations	
	fitness (e.g., FitOn, Peleton, Workout Trainer,	•	Marathon Fees	
	Beach Body, etc.)	•	Health care costs currently listed for coverage in	
•	Professional Personal Fitness Trainer		the extended health care plan	
•	Athletic programs/lessons running for a minimum	•	Float sessions (Float Now membership)	
	duration of 6 weeks	•	Meditation App subscription (unless the app also	
•	Consultation with a nutritionist/dietician		supports physical fitness)	

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- Herbal Magic Membership fees but not the "starter kit"
- Weight Watchers Membership fee
- Snorkeling or Scuba Lessons
- Swimming classes / lessons if the program is a minimum of 6 weeks
- Dance Class (Lessons) if the program is a minimum of 6 weeks
- Rehabilitation Exercise Programs (if not covered by the EHC Plan or other insurance e.g., Paul Schwann Cardiac Rehabilitation Program)

- The Tupler Technique® (is a research-based program to treat a Diastasis Recti.)
- Fascia Stretching
- Thai Yoga Body Massage
- Body Talk System
- Laser Eye surgery
- CPAP (Continuous Positive Airway Pressure)
   machine
- Marriage Counselling
- Professional mental health services
- Homeopathy or Homeopathic visits/ services
- Mindfulness-Based Stress Reduction Course
- Life Coach Services

#### Equipment

- Athletic footwear such as running shoes, skates, spin shoes, skis/ski boots, snowshoes, hiking boots, dance/tap shoes
- Athletic or fitness equipment such as treadmills, bicycles, tennis racquets
- Work out/exercise tapes
- Wii Fit Board or Mat, not the gaming console
- Trampoline
- Kayak and canoes (including paddles)
- Wakeboard, water skis, knee board
- Boxing bag and gloves
- Repairs to existing fitness equipment that qualifies for reimbursement
- Goalie gloves or protective equipment that would

#### **Equipment**

- Clothing
- Equipment/registration/licensing for hunting such as guns, knives, bow and arrow
- Rental of athletic equipment (e.g., ski equipment, no minimum time frame)
- Fully Motorized vehicles such as motorbikes,
   ATVs, watercraft
- Camping gear and fees
- Fishing fees and equipment
- Video games or consoles such as Wii
- Virtual reality equipment
- Accessories that are not a requirement to perform the physical activity (Pedometers, Fitbit Watch, Apple Watch, Samsung Watch, IPODs, MP3 player,



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- Snorkeling or scuba diving equipment
- Exercise pool or resistance swim spa pool
- Electric Bike (cannot be fully motorized)
- Rock Climbing Equipment (Grigri, or other equipment such as rope)
- Yoga Mat (or other personal size exercise mat/flooring), Yoga blocks/straps
- Sport Balls Basketball / Volleyball / Baseballs / **Golf Balls**
- Hockey stick or hockey net
- Orange Theory Band (Heart Rate Monitor) \*\* Must be required to participate in the training program.
- Downhill or Cross-Country Skis and Poles
- Blood Sugar Testing devices (only if used on an on-going basis to promote physical activity where it would be un-safe to participate otherwise. Cannot be eligible under the Employer's Health Care Plan).
- Online or Mobile apps that support fitness and wellness (e.g., FitOn, Peloton, Workout Trainer, Beach Body, etc.)
- Outdoor obstacle course specific equipment: actual rock holds, handles, rope ladders and rope climbing nets, slack lines and gym rings/obstacle loops.

etc.)

- **Water Bottles**
- **Hydration Backpack**
- Jogging stroller
- Infant carrier
- Bicycle rack
- Goggles
- Wet Suit
- **Prescription Sports Eyewear**
- Hiking Poles (unless for skiing)
- **Inversion Table**
- Ergonomic Equipment (sit/stand desk, office chair, keyboards, etc.)
- Work shoes (steel toed boots, slip resistant work boots, etc.)
- Winter boots
- Life Jacket
- **Blood Pressure Monitors**
- Ankle Supports/ Knee Brace/ Shoe In-soles
- Dr. Ho's TENS / Dr. Ho's Circulation Promoter
- Golf glove
- Golf bag
- Outdoor Rink Kit (i.e., Rink-in-a-Box)
- Snowmobiling or equipment related to snowmobiling (i.e., snowmobile helmet)
- Embr Wave 2 Thermal Wristband

