



COVID-19 Relief Bill – OTC & Menstrual Products

The COVID-19 relief bill signed into law includes provisions that make over-the-counter (OTC) medicines and menstrual products HSA-, FSA- and HRA-eligible. (HRA – Please check your employer plan. If your plan is integrated with your medical insurance, OTC is not allowed)

BBP Admin, with our partner the FSA and HSA store, has an updated list of OTC items.

[View the list Eligibility List](#)

Participants cannot yet purchase OTC or menstrual care items using their benefits debit card. Several steps need to occur before eligible items will be approved when swiping a benefits debit card:

- The Special Interest Group for IAS Standards (SIGIS) board must first adopt these new standards and publish the [revised Eligible Product List \(EPL\)](#).
- Merchants (e.g. Walgreens, CVS and smaller drug and grocery stores) must update their systems with the new EPL.
- **We expect merchants to start adopting changes for OTC items around April 15 and menstrual care products around May 15.** However, merchants may take up to a month to complete the changes that will allow participants to purchase these items with a card swipe.
- If participants try to purchase these items with their benefits card before systems have been updated and the transaction is denied, they can submit a claim for reimbursement.
 - [Submit your OTC claim online](#) through the Participant Portal
 - Complete the [claim form](#) and submit to claims@bbpadmin.com

BBP Admin will keep you informed of any updates regarding OTC and menstrual products.