

# **Transit Reimbursement Account** Enrollment Kit

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### **Transit Reimbursement Account**

Transit Reimbursement Accounts (TRAs) are employersponsored pre-tax accounts that employees can use to pay for mass transit and parking expenses for the purpose of commuting to work.



Guidelines for establishing and administering these accounts are found in the Internal Revenue Service Tax Code Section 132(f).

#### How does it work?

Participation is voluntary, and employees elect to participate by completing an election form that indicates the amount(s) they would like taken from

their paycheck before taxes to pay for qualified expenses. Employees can contribute up to \$250/month for parking and \$130/month for mass transit—totaling \$4,560 annually. This money is held in an account and used to either load mass transit

values or to reimburse employees for qualified parking expenses.

#### What are the benefits?

FlexTRANSIT Reimbursement Accounts offer a number of benefits to employees.

- Reduces taxable income
- Increases spendable income
- Reduces vehicle maintenance
- Balances are either refunded (taxes applied) or rolled over, depending on the plan document

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#### What expenses qualify for a FlexTRANSIT account?

In order to be eligible, expenses must be used for either public transportation or parking associated with getting to and from an employee's workplace. Examples of qualified expenses include:

#### Parking (\$250/month)

- · Rented parking spaces
- Parking garage expenses
- Daily parking expenses

#### Mass Transit (\$130/month)

- Ventra<sup>™</sup> Cards and Accounts
- Commuter Checks

#### How much can be saved with Parking & Mass Transit Deduction?

Tax Benefits of Parking	Amount
Annual Parking	\$3,000.00
Federal Income Tax (20% Saved)	(\$600.00)
Employee FICA (7.65% Saved)	(\$229.50)
State Income Tax (10% Saved)	(\$300.00)
Total Cost for \$3,000.00 in Parking	\$1,870.50
Total Savings to Employee	\$1,129.50

Tax Benefits of Mass Transit	Amount
Annual Transit Set-Aside	\$1,560.00
Federal Income Tax (20% Saved)	(\$312.00)
Employee FICA (7.65% Saved)	(\$119.34)
State Income Tax (10% Saved)	(\$156.00)
Total Cost for \$2,940.00 in Transit	\$972.66
Total Savings to Employee	\$587.34



### Transit Reimbursement Account cont.

The FlexTRANSIT Transit Benefit will be available to you as a pre-tax benefit in 2014. Based on a federal tax law designed to encourage the use of mass transit, the TRA benefit will allow you to obtain tax savings by ordering your transit benefits through Flexible Benefit Service Corporation.

Ventra™ Cards or accounts are good for rides on CTA and Pace, while the RTA Fare Checks can be used to purchase Ventra, Metra, or Pace passes and tickets. For your convenience, we have enclosed a Transit Election Form, Transit Order Form and an information piece about the TRA benefit.



#### Using FlexTRANSIT is easy!

- Complete a Transit Election Form indicating your pre-tax deduction for the coming year and turn it in to your plan administrator. The contribution limit for transit for 2014 is \$130/month for transit and \$250/month for parking.
- You can complete the enclosed Transit Order Form every month or for the entire year. If you have not completed this form for either a portion or the entire plan year, you must fax this form to Flexible Benefit Service Corporation at 847-440-9100 by the 1st of the month in order for you to receive your transit order for the next month's need. Remember, it's crucial we have your order by the 1<sup>st</sup> of the month in order to fulfill your request for the next month.
- If you order an RTA Fare Check, we will place the order for you and mail the fare check to your employer before the first of every month.
- For Ventra users, you must indicate your Ventra Account ID on the order form. We will credit your Ventra Card/account with the specified amount each month.

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#### **RTA Fare Checks/Commuter Checks**

- RTA Fare Checks are good where fares or passes are sold (except for CTA vending machines in rail stati ons) for rides on any part of the regional system (CTA, Metra, Pace, South Shore Railroad or vanpools)
- MTA Commuter Checks can be used to purchase items for the Metro North CommuterLine Transit System
- Fare Checks can be used on their own or in combination with cash or other instruments in order to pay for CTA, Metra, Pace, South Shore Railroad or vanpools
- Fare Checks can be ordered in any denomination from \$10 to \$130
- Fare Checks are protected from forgery with state-of-the-art technology and are good for thirteen months
- There is a small per check processing fee for RTA & MTA Transit Checks of \$3.50 per check

#### Ventra

- The Ventra Card is a contactless card that holds transit passes or value.
- You can link a Ventra Account to your own contactless bank card to add passes and value.
- The Ventra monthly pass is good for 30 days from the date of first use.
- The Ventra account or card can be used on CTA trains and busses and Pace suburban bus routes.
- Online account management and lost or stolen Ventra Card protection is available.







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# **Order Form**

Date:	
Fax- # of Pages:	:

lease follow the steps bel	ow to thoroughly	and accurately comp	olete this form.	Fax- # of Pages:	
tep 1: Personal Information					
Company Name:			n: Tra	Transit Month:	
Address:					
		Email Address:			
tep 2: Fare Information					
All available fare options are listed your selection, we have listed the Ventra: 30 Day Pass, \$10.00, \$20. RTA: any amount NY Metro Card: 30 Day Unlimited Outside the Chicagoland area vou	amounts available per fa 00, \$30.00, \$40.00, \$45.0 Pass, \$9.52, \$19.05, \$38	re voucher type below: 00, \$50.00, \$60.00, \$70.00, 3.10 and \$57.14			
Fare Voucher	Ventra Account ID	Dollar Amount	Fee *	Total	
entra 30 Day Pass		+	per value load =	\$	
entra Value		+	per value load =	\$	
TA Check Voucher		+	per voucher =	\$	
Y Metro Unlimited 30 Day Pass		+	per card =	\$	
/ Metro Value		+	per card =	\$	
ut-of-State Voucher		+	per voucher =	\$	
ut-of-State MasterCard		+	per value load =	\$	
	'	Total A	Amount Ordered* = 1	There is	
There is a \$10 minimum per ordo	er. The fee indicated in	this section is the fee asse	ssed by the transit authority	<b>/</b> .	
tep 3: Acknowledgement and	Signature				
uthorize Flexible Beneft Service (	Corporation to order the	above vouchers on my beh	alf.		
mployee Signature:			Date:		
		Same and Same at 0.47, 4.40, 0.44			

Note: You must fax this form to Flexible Benefit Service Corporation at 847-440-9100 or email to dcinfo@flexiblebenefit.com by the 1st of the month in order to receive your transit pass for the following month.

FLEX Flexible Benefit Service Corporation 8700 W. Bryn Mawr Avenue, Suite 1010S, Chicago, IL 60631



Date:

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Please follow the steps below t	to thoroughly and	accurately complete		ax- # of Pages:
Step 1: Personal Information	to thoroughly and	accurately complete	tilis loilli.	
Company Name:				
Effective Date of Election:		Date of Hire	: Salary:	
Employee Name:		SSN:	Date of	f Birth:
Address:				
Phone Number:	Fax Number:	Email Address:		
Step 2: Enter Deductions Per Pay Pe	eriod			
		Pre-Tax Amount Per Pay Period	Pay Period Frequency (W, B, S or M*)	First Payroll Date Affected
Mass Transit Account	\$ Annual election	\$		
Parking Reimbursement Account	\$ Annual election	\$		
emember, when your needs change, Fle yould alter your parking or transit needs Pay Period Frequency: W = Weekly; B =	(i.e. parking rate increa	se/decrease, etc.)	lections any time you have a	a change in status that
Step 3: Acknowledgement and Sign	nature			
I acknowledge that I am authorizin above for qualified transit and part		ct equal amounts from my	paychecks to collect the des	ignated pre-tax columr
Employee Signature:			Date:	
		OR		
I elect <b>NOT</b> to participate in any po- contribution to this program.	ortion of the FlexTRANSI	T plan and do not authoriz	e the company to deduct fro	om paychecks as
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Date:		

# **Parking Reimbursement Form**

Please follow the steps below to thoroughly a	Fax- # of Pages:						
Step 1: Personal Information							
Company Name:							
Employee Name:	SSN:	Date	e of Birth:				
Address:	City:	State:	Zip Code:				
Phone Number: Email Ad	ldress:						
Step 2: Parking Expenses							
Expense Amount	Date Range for Expense						
\$	From:	To:					
\$	From:	To:					
\$	From:	To:					
\$	From:	To:					
Total: \$							
Reimbursement Schedule – Claim Reimbursement Checks are distributed once a month.  If Flex receives claims by 5 p.m. on the 20 <sup>th</sup> of the month, reimbursement checks will be sent to the employer by the last day of the month.							
Step 3: Acknowledgement and Signature							
By signing this form, I acknowledge that my statements in this request for reimbursement form are complete and true. I am claiming reimbursement only for eligible expenses incurred during the application plan year and for eligible plan participants. I certify that these expenses have not been previously reimbursed under this or other benefit plans and will not be claimed as an income tax deduction. I authorize my FlexTRANSIT (parking) account to be reduced by the amount(s) requested.							
Employee Signature:		Date:					
<ul> <li>Submit a Reimbursement Request in four easy steps</li> <li>1. Parking Accounts- provide acceptable proof of paid expenses which is a copy of paid receipt for parking lot, parking garage or a paid bill for monthly parking stating month of service</li> <li>2. Write the total amount for reimbursement on the front of this form.</li> <li>3. Attach all copies pertaining to your claim to this form.</li> <li>4. Send request for reimbursement via mail, fax 847-440-9100 or email claims@flexiblebenefit.com.</li> </ul>							

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myFlexInfo.com is a password-protected online resource for all your Flex account needs.



Information and status can be viewed at the plan administrator level, and individually at the employee level 24 hours a day. Whether your employer has established a FlexHRA® Health Reimbursement Arrangement, Flex125® Flexible Spending Account (FSA) or FlexTRANSIT Reimbursement Account, myFlexInfo.com serves as a channel of

communication through which everyone can be kept informed without the necessity of making phone calls.

Through myFlexInfo.com, for example, employees can learn how their benefit plans work, check account history and current balances, download forms and much more.

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#### How to Register on myFlexInfo.com:

Step 1: Logon to www.myflexinfo.com and click the "Employee Login" button.

**Step 2:** Click the register link.

**Step 3:** You will need to provide certain details, including your Access Code. Please contact your employer for this information.

Step 4: You will create a user name and password along with a security question/ answer should you happen to forget your password. Then click "Next"

**Step 5:** Your registration is now complete and you can click "confirm" to login to your account.



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### How Can We Help?

- Questions regarding your Flex Plan?
- Looking for status updates on your account balance?
- Need to download forms?
- Need more information on how to file a claim?

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