## RELIEF PROVISONS FOR FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNTS

## IMPORTANT CHANGES TO FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNTS

- Extended Grace Period for 2020 elections from March 15, 2021 to December 31, 2021
- Mid-Year Election Changes allowed through December 31, 2021
- Increase Dependent Care FSA eligibility age

#### SEE DETAILS BELOW REGARDING THE RELIEF PROVISIONS APPLIED TO THE CITY'S PLANS

#### **Extended Grace Period**

### Prior rules required you to incur qualified expenses by March 15, 2021 and submit all claims by June 15, 2021.

- New provision allows you to <u>use</u> your 2020 account balance for claims incurred through <u>December 31, 2021</u> and submit claims through March 15, 2022.
- If you elected FSA for 2021, your debit card purchases and claims will use any remaining 2020 funds prior to the use of 2021 balance.
- If you have a 2020 balance and did not elect 2021 FSA, you will see the monthly account fee of \$3.25 deducted the 1st paycheck of each month until your 2020 balance is depleted.

#### **Mid-Year Elections**

- Prior rules limited mid-year changes to qualifying life events such as marriage, birth, etc.
- New provision <u>allows election</u> <u>changes and new enrollments</u> <u>for the 2021 plan year without a</u> <u>qualifying life event.</u>
- Changes are limited to prospective only. Any new election amount must be equal to or greater than the amount already contributed to the plan and/or the amount already reimbursed.
- To request a change or new enrollment for the 2021 plan year, complete and return the <u>FSA enrollment form</u> and return to <u>HRBenefits@sanjoseca.gov</u>.

# Dependent Care Eligibility Age

- Prior rules limited the use of Dependent Care FSA funds for children up to their 13th birthday.
- New provision <u>allows</u>

   employees to use the

  Dependent care funds for children up to their 14th birthday.
- Applies to both 2020 and 2021 plan elections.

Log onto <u>www.padmin.com</u> To check your balance, review list eligible expenses, and manage your account. You can also download the app from the Apple Store or Google Play, just search for "P&A Group".

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