

.02 FS Dependent Care

Dependent care expenses billed are ALLOWABLE when the expense is necessary to complete one of the following:

- Accept or continue employment.
- Seek employment. Participants must provide information about actual interviews with [FS Employment & Training](#) (FS E&T), or potential employers.
NOTE A written statement by the participant is acceptable unless questionable.
- Attend training or pursue education to prepare for employment.
NOTE Attendance in high school is not considered preparation for employment.

EXCEPTION

Do NOT ALLOW the following dependent care expenses:

- Costs for care of an [elderly or disabled participant](#). The expense is considered a medical cost. (See [FS Medical Expenses](#))
- Any portion of an expense that has been allowed as an educational expense. (See [Educational Expenses](#))
- Costs paid to a facility or provider for [educational tuition\(g\)](#) of a dependent child.

NOTE Contact the facility or provider to determine whether the fees charged are for educational tuition or dependent care.

- Costs for care provided by any of the following:

Another participant in the case.

Reimbursements, including reimbursements made by [FS Employment & Training](#) (FS E&T), [Jobs](#), or [Transitional Child Care](#) (TCC).

[Vendor Payments](#).

EXCEPTION (continued)

- Costs for care provided out of the home when a spouse or parent is in the home, and that spouse or parent meets all of the following:
 - Not working or actively looking for work.
 - Not registered for work.
 - Physically capable of caring for the dependent.
- Costs paid in the form of an [in-kind benefit](#) such as food, gas, room
- Costs paid by a third-party.