COMPARISON OF HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNTS, HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT ACCOUNTS AND FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNTS

	HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT	HEALTH REIMBURSEMENT ACCOUNT	MEDICAL FLEXIBLE SPENDING ACCOUNT
DESCRIPTION	Individual interest bearing accounts established under the employee's name that allows the account holder to use pretax dollars to pay for qualifying health care expenses	PEBP owned accounts established on behalf of the an individual to help pay for qualifying health care expenses.	Individual pre-tax accounts that allow employees to use pre-tax dollars to pay for qualifying health care expenses
ELIGIBILITY	 The individual must be Enrolled in a high deductible health plan Not covered by another health plan that is not a high deductible Not enrolled in Medicare, Tricare, Tribal, or similar plan Cannot be claimed as a dependent on another person's tax return 	Available to a participant in the High Deductible plan who is not eligible for a Health Savings Account	Any benefits eligible employee that does not have a Health Savings Account
FUNDING (this funding information does not include any additional one time contribution that the PEBP Board may decide to provide at the beginning of the plan year)	 Employee Only: \$700 Family Coverage (2 or more): \$700 for employee and \$200 for each dependent up to \$1300 total for the family Employee may elect to contribute additional dollars on a tax deferred basis 	 Employee Only: \$700 Family Coverage (2 or more): \$700 for employee and \$200 for each dependent up to \$1300 total for the family 	Employee contributes on a tax deferred basis through payroll deduction
PURPOSE	Can be used to pay for qualifying health care expenses such as co-pays, deductibles, lab tests, diagnostic tests, prescription drugs, co-insurance, dental procedures, vision exams, etc. A complete listing of Qualified Medical Expenses can be found in IRS Publication 502		

EMPLOYEE CONTRIBUTIONS	Total cannot exceed: • \$3,350 Employee only coverage • \$6,650 for Family (2 or more)	Not allowed	Cannot exceed: \$2550 per plan year
	These maximums include the PEBP contribution		
TAX TREATMENT OF	Employee contributions are	N/A	Employee contributions are
EMPLOYEE	excludable from income		excludable from income
CONTRIBUTIONS			
CONSEQUENCES OF	Distributions are taxed as	Not permitted	Not permitted
CASHING OUT ACCOUNT	income and subject to taxes		
FOR NON-QUALIFIED	and penalties except in the		
MEDICAL EXPENSES	event of death, disability or		
	attainment of Medicare		
	eligibility		
CARRYOVER OF FUNDS	Yes	PEBP establishes the limit on	No
PERMITTED?		carryover amounts	
PORTABLE	Yes	No	No