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To be eligible, students must be college seniors between Sept. 2008 and June 2009 and must maintain a 2.0 GPA. Members/Students/Members1.asp
E-mail jnelson@ceaohio.org for more information.

Flexible spending account open enrollment

Last week, CCS opened this year’s opportunity to enroll in the flexible spending program for 2009. When you set up a flexible spending account (FSA), also referred to as Section 125 (Cafeteria) accounts, you designate pre-tax dollars you will spend during the year on medical and dependent care expenses. You do not need to be enrolled in one of the CCS health-coverage plans to participate.

For information on how the plan works, visit www.AetnaFSAs.com. Once you determine your yearly need, money will be deducted from your pay and placed in the account. Then starting Jan. 1, 2009, when you need to pay for a doctor’s visit, prescription or other medical expense, such as over-the-counter drugs, contact lenses, co-pays, eyeglasses, health club memberships (physician recommended), child and dependent care expenses, and weight loss drugs, you can use your FSA to cover the cost. For examples of some of the other eligible medical expenses, go to: www.aetna.com/fsa/understanding/health/healthcareexpenses.html.

Aetna will also provide members with debit type cards so they can pay for expenses without having to complete any forms. When you pay for a service using the debit type card, the funds are automatically deducted from your FSA account.

Please consider this plan. It will reduce your taxable income, giving you more money to spend on other expenses throughout the year.

Special notes

• The open enrollment for health benefit programs is Oct. 15-Nov. 14. This is your opportunity to choose new health care options, make changes, add or drop dependents and set up a flexible spending account. Please refer to your 2009 Guide to Employee Benefits.

• The John Grossman Memorial Concert will take place Sunday, Nov. 2, at 5 p.m. at the Ft. Hayes Performing Arts Center. For tickets, contact Janet O’Leary at 457-7972 or Carol Wagner at the CEA Office at 253-4731.

• The American Cancer Society presents: “The Last Lecture” by Jeffrey Zaslow at the Capital Theatre (77 S. High St.) on Thursday, Nov. 13, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are $125 for a VIP Package or $30 for general admission. Ticket sale proceeds go to the American Cancer Society. Contact Amy Sidner at 888-227-6446 ext. 3206 or Cheryl Smoot at 888-227-6446 ext. 8506 or cheryl.smoot@cancer.org for more information.

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