**Commuter Benefit Plan Specifications** 



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## A. Commuter Benefit Plan (CBP) General Information

- 1. Employer name: Pace University
- 2. Eligibility requirements: Must be an employee of Pace University
- 3. The effective date on which you can begin participation: On the first of the month once the eligibility requirements have been met.
- 4. Enrollment periods: Open enrollment is permitted on a monthly basis.
- 5. Plan effective date: 7/1/2008

## B. CBP Accounts, Elections and Use

- 1. Types of accounts available: Mass Transit After-Tax, Mass Transit Pre-Tax, Parking After-Tax, Parking Pre-Tax.
- 2. Monthly tax-free election amounts for eligible workplace commuting expenses as defined by Section 132(f) of the Internal Revenue Code can be found at the Benefit Resource, Inc. website, www.BenefitResource.com, under the FAQ CBP section.
  - a. Mass Transit expenses, other than vanpooling, must be purchased with your eTRAC Card.
  - b. **If your qualified vendor accepts the eTRAC Card**, your monthly election should fully cover your monthly eligible expenses, even if that amount is above the tax-free limit. Any amount above the tax-free limit will be taken on an after-tax basis. Eligible purchases are limited to the available card account balance.
  - c. If your qualified vendor does not accept the eTRAC Card and you must submit claims for

reimbursement of eligible parking and vanpooling expenses, your monthly election should be limited to the tax-free maximum.

- Eligible claims must be provided after your effective date in the plan and must be received by Benefit Resource within 180 days after the service is provided.
- Claims will be processed daily within 5 business days.
- There is a minimum reimbursement amount of \$15.
- d. Any unused cash balance in an account at the end of a plan month will be carried forward to the subsequent plan month.
- 3. Changes in elections:
  - a. Election changes are permitted for a change in work schedule, change in residence or worksite or change in monthly commuting expenses.
  - b. Elections may also be temporarily reduced to \$0 to allow excess account balances carried over from prior months to be used.
  - c. Elections will remain in effect until an election change is submitted.
- 1. To close an account:
  - d. You must notify your employer.
  - e. Claims for reimbursement of eligible workplace parking and vanpooling expenses must be received by Benefit Resource prior to the date the account is closed.
  - f. Once an account is closed, it can no longer be used.
  - g. Any funds remaining in an account after this will be forfeited.

## C. Ineligibility

- 1. If you become ineligible (including termination of employment) to participate:
  - a. Any tax-free funds remaining in an account at the end of the month in which you become ineligible are taxable.
  - b. Account balances will be available via the eTRAC Card through the end of the month following the last month of eligibility.
  - c. For claim reimbursement of eligible workplace parking and vanpooling expenses:
    - Eligible expenses must be provided after your effective date in the plan and through your last month of eligibility. Claims must be received by Benefit Resource by the end of the month following the last month of eligibility.
  - d. Any funds remaining in an account after this will be forfeited.