



**Part III****Dependent care benefits**

<b>12</b>	Enter the total amount of <b>dependent care benefits</b> you received for 2004. This amount should be shown in box 10 of your Form(s) W-2. <b>Do not</b> include amounts that were reported to you as wages in box 1 of Form(s) W-2.	12		
<b>13</b>	Enter the amount forfeited, if any. See the instructions.	13		
<b>14</b>	Subtract line 13 from line 12.	14		
<b>15</b>	Enter the total amount of <b>qualified expenses</b> incurred in 2004 for the care of the qualifying person(s).	15		
<b>16</b>	Enter the <b>smaller</b> of line 14 or 15.	16		
<b>17</b>	Enter your <b>earned income</b> . See the instructions.	17		
<b>18</b>	Enter the amount shown below that applies to you. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If married filing jointly, enter your spouse's earned income (if your spouse was a student or was disabled, see the instructions for line 5).</li> <li>• If married filing separately, see the instructions for the amount to enter.</li> <li>• All others, enter the amount from line 17.</li> </ul>	18		
<b>19</b>	Enter the <b>smallest</b> of line 16, 17, or 18.	19		
<b>20</b>	<b>Excluded benefits.</b> Enter here the <b>smaller</b> of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The amount from line 19 or</li> <li>• \$5,000 (\$2,500 if married filing separately <b>and</b> you were required to enter your spouse's earned income on line 18).</li> </ul>	20		
<b>21</b>	<b>Taxable benefits.</b> Subtract line 20 from line 14. Also, include this amount on Form 1040A, line 7. In the space to the left of line 7, enter "DCB."	21		
To claim the child and dependent care credit, complete lines 22–26 below.				
<b>22</b>	Enter \$3,000 (\$6,000 if two or more qualifying persons).	22		
<b>23</b>	Enter the amount from line 20.	23		
<b>24</b>	Subtract line 23 from line 22. If zero or less, <b>stop</b> . You cannot take the credit. <b>Exception.</b> If you paid 2003 expenses in 2004, see the instructions for line 9.	24		
<b>25</b>	Complete line 2 on the front of this schedule. <b>Do not</b> include in column (c) any benefits shown on line 20 above. Then, add the amounts in column (c) and enter the total here.	25		
<b>26</b>	Enter the <b>smaller</b> of line 24 or 25. Also, enter this amount on line 3 on the front of this schedule and complete lines 4–11.	26		