

HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNT (HSA) TAX SAVINGS FOR QUALIFIED EXPENSES

A Health Savings Account is an individually owned, tax-favored account that allows consumers to pay for qualified healthcare expenses.

An HSA must be coupled with a High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP) to receive the tax advantages allowed by the IRS. Premiums associated with an HDHP are typically lower than a traditional plan, allowing you to capture the savings to fund an HSA.

Similar to a 401(k), you can make tax-deductible contributions into an HSA and the account can earn interest tax-free. HSA funds can then be used to pay for any qualified, out-of-pocket medical expenses, such as deductible and prescription drug expenses. Once the deductible is met, the health plan begins paying some or all covered expenses, depending on the plan selected.

HSA Eligibility

In general, to be eligible for an HSA, you must meet the following criteria:

- You must be covered under a qualified HDHP and cannot have other healthcare coverage.
- You cannot be enrolled in Medicare.
- You cannot be claimed as a dependent on someone else's tax return.

Benefits and Savings

HSAs provide several tax- and cost-savings benefits. By combining an HSA with a qualified HDHP, you can reduce your insurance premiums. Because it is a triple-tax savings account, contributions are 1) made tax-free, 2) grow tax-free and 3) can be withdrawn tax free to pay for a variety of qualified medical expenses, many of which are not covered by traditional health insurance plans (including dental visits, prescription drugs, eyeglasses, contact lenses, and chiropractor visits).

Unlike other benefit accounts, unused funds are rolled over annually, enabling them to be used for future expenses.

How Much Can I Contribute to an HSA?

The U.S. Treasury Department establishes annual contribution limits and minimum deductible amounts for HSAs and HSA-qualified health plans, which are adjusted each year for inflation.

HSA Services

- User guide and educational communications
- Smart debit card
- Competitive interest rates earned on the first dollar
- Investments with no monthly or trade fees
- No setup fees
- Dedicated HSA customer service assistance beyond simple balance inquiry
- Consultative support to help maximize HSA savings and benefits
- Monthly electronic account statements
- Claims shoebox (electronic record keeping of all receipts to help you stay compliant)
- Seamless integration allows funds to transfer between HSA and personal checking accounts for ease of contribution and reimbursement
- Online web tools, including personalized health plan cost comparison, out-of-pocket cost and future savings calculators, and educational tutorials
- Smart mobile app

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