



## ELIGIBLE EXPENSES FOR USE WITH HSA FUNDS

### What Is An HSA Qualified Health Plan?

An HSA qualified plan, many times referred to as a “high deductible health plan” (HDHP), is health insurance that covers you and/or your family for catastrophic events. Generally speaking, it does not cover first dollar medical expenses except for some permitted coverage for preventative services and supplemental insurance plans. The following limits are also requirements of an HSA qualified plan.

Federal law requires that the health insurance deductible be at least:

2025

\$1,650\* – Self-only coverage

\$3,300\* – Family coverage

\*adjusted annually for inflation

In addition, annual out-of-pocket expenses under the plan (including deductibles, co-pays, and co-insurance) cannot exceed:

2025

\$8,300\*\* – Self-only coverage

\$16,600\*\* – Family coverage

\*adjusted annually for inflation

### How Much Can I Contribute To An HSA?

Individuals are allowed to make the statutory maximum contribution, regardless of the individual’s deductible.

2025

\$4,300\* – Self-only coverage

\$8,550\* – Family coverage

\*adjusted annually for inflation

An individual must remain covered under an HSA qualified plan for at least 12 months following the first year of coverage under the HDHP. Otherwise, income taxes and additional penalties will apply. Beginning in 2007, contributions to HSAs will no longer be prorated for mid-year HDHP coverage, however the individual must

remain covered under the HSA qualified plan for at least 12 months following the first year of coverage under the HDHP.

Otherwise, income taxes and additional penalties will apply. Individuals age 55 and older can also make additional “catch-up” contributions. The maximum annual catch-up contribution is as follows:  
2012 and after – \$1,000

### Who Can Have An HSA?

Any adult can contribute to an HSA if they:

- Have coverage under an HSA qualified HDHP plan.
- Have no other first-dollar medical coverage (other types of insurance like specific injury insurance or accident, disability, dental care, vision care, or long term insurance are permitted).
- Are not enrolled in Medicare.
- Cannot be claimed as a dependent on someone else’s tax return.

Contributions to your HSA can be made by you, your employer, or both. However, the total contributions are limited annually. If you make contributions post-tax, you may take an above-the-line deduction when you file your tax return, thus reducing your adjusted gross income. Contributions can no longer be made once you are enrolled in Medicare, but, you can keep the money in your account and use it to pay for medical expenses tax-free.

### What Happens To My HSA When I Die?

If you are married, your spouse becomes the owner of the account. If you are not married, the account will no longer be treated as an HSA upon your death. The account will pass to your beneficiary or become part of your estate (and be subject to any applicable taxes).



## What Can You Use Your HSA Dollars For?

You can use the money in your account to pay for any qualified medical expense permitted under federal tax law. This includes most medical care and services, dental and vision care. You can generally not use the money to pay for medical insurance premiums, except under specific circumstances, including:

- Any health plan coverage while receiving federal or state unemployment benefits.
- COBRA continuation coverage after leaving employment with a company that offers health insurance coverage.
- Qualified long-term care insurance.
- Medicare premiums and out-of-pocket expenses, including deductibles, co-pays, and coinsurance for:
  - Part A (hospital and inpatient services)
  - Part B (physician and outpatient services)
  - Part C (Medicare HMO and PPO plans)
  - Part D (prescription drugs)

Not only can your HSA be used for your medical expenses, it can also be used for your spouse's or your dependent children's medical expenses, even if they are not covered by your HDHP. Remember that any amounts used for purposes other than qualified medical expenses are taxable as income and subject to an additional 20% tax penalty.

After you turn age 65, the 20% additional tax penalty no longer applies. If you become disabled and/or enroll in Medicare, the account can be used for other purposes without paying the additional 20% penalty.



## Why Choose An HSA?

**FLEXIBILITY** – You can use the funds in your account to pay for current medical expenses, including expenses that your insurance may not cover, or save the money in your account for future needs, such as:

- Health insurance or medical expenses if unemployed
- Medical expenses after retirement (before Medicare)
- Out-of-pocket expenses when covered by Medicare
- Long-term care expenses and insurance

**SAVINGS** – You can save the money in your account for future medical expenses and grow your account through investment earnings. After you turn age 65, you may use your HSA dollars for any expenses and the 20% tax penalty no longer applies (funds must be claimed as income).

**CONTROL** – You make all of the decisions about:

- How much money to put into the account
- Whether to save the account for future expenses or pay current medical expenses
- Which medical expenses to pay from the account
- Whether to invest any of the money in the account
- Which investments to make

**PORTABILITY** – Accounts are completely portable, which means you can keep your HSA even if you:

- Change jobs
- Change your medical coverage
- Become unemployed
- Move to another state
- Change your marital status

**OWNERSHIP** – Funds remain in the account from year to year, just like an IRA. There are no “use it or lose it” rules for HSAs.

**TAX SAVINGS** – An HSA provides you triple tax savings:

1. Tax deductions when you contribute to your account
2. Tax-free earnings through investment
3. Tax-free withdrawals for qualified medical expenses



## What Medical Expenses Are Included?

Following is a list of items that you can include in figuring your medical expense deduction. The items are listed in alphabetical order.

This list does not include all possible medical expenses. To determine if an expense not listed can be included in figuring your medical expense deduction, [click here](#).

Acupuncture	First Aid/Wound Treatments	Osteopaths
Alcoholism	Foot Care Products	Over-the-Counter Medicines (allergy, cough, cold, flu & sinus, digestive aids, pain relievers)
Ambulance	Guide Dog (or other animal)	Oxygen and Equipment
Artificial Limb	Health Institute	Prosthesis
Artificial Teeth	Hearing Aids	Psychiatric Care
Autoette	Home Care	Psychologists
Bandages	Hospital Services	Psychotherapists
Breast Reconstruction Surgery	Insulin	Skin Care (sunscreen and acne medication)
Birth Control Pills	Laboratory Fees	Sleep Aids & Stimulants
Braille Books/Magazines	Lead Paint Removal	Special Home for Mentally Impaired
Capital Expenses	Legal Expenses (authorizing treatment of mental illness)	Special Schooling
Chiropractor	Lifetime Care	Sexual Dysfunction
Christian Science Practitioner	Lodging (\$50 per night)	Treatment
Contact Lenses	Medical Conferences (admission and transportation)	Sterilization
Crutches	Medical Services (physician, surgeon, etc)	Stop-Smoking Programs
Dental Treatment and Oral Care	Nursing Home	Surgical Fees
Diagnostic Devices	Nursing Services	Therapy
Disabled Dependent Care Expenses	Obstetrical	Transportation (for medical care)
Eyeglasses	Operations	Weight-loss Programs
Eye Surgery	Optometrists	Wheelchair
Feminine Care Products	Orthodontia	X-Rays
Fertility Enhancements		

Please refer to IRS Publication 502 for clarification on the above categories. To view the most recent information, [click here](#).