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HSA Basics

Watch the HSA basics course

Health Savings Account (HSA)

Overview of the advantages and use of the HSA.

Start Course
Administered by Optum Bank [3], a Health Savings Account (HSA) allows you to pay for qualified health care expenses [4] now or in the future. HSAs offer three tax benefits: Tax-free saving, growth and spending on qualified health care expenses [4] any time from today through your retirement.

You contribute to the savings plan through payroll deductions on a pre-tax basis. These contributions [5] lower your taxable income, and when you spend the money on qualifying expenses [4], you will not be taxed.

The money you put into an HSA rolls over from year to year – the money is yours to keep saved or spend on qualified health care expenses [4]. If you leave the university in any capacity, you will keep your HSA through retirement.

**Plan details**

- Health Savings Account fact sheet [6]
- Find eligible expenses, claim forms and more [7]

**HSA features and considerations**
To contribute to an HSA, IRS regulations apply:

- You must be enrolled in CU Health Plan High Deductible
- You cannot be enrolled in Medicare or TRICARE
- You cannot be claimed as a dependent's spouse, common-law spouse, civil union partner, domestic partner, children under the age of 27, and qualifying disabled children over age 27 of the employee or of the spouse/partner who are biological, legally adopted or for whom there are parental responsibility documents issued by a court.
- You cannot have another active medical plan, that is not an IRS qualified High Deductible Plan
- You cannot contribute to an HCFSA (Health Care Flexible Spending Account) without paying for health care expenses for you and your tax dependents, which your medical, dental and vision insurance plans do not cover such as deductibles, copays, coinsurance, prescriptions and other out-of-pocket expenses. An HSA (Health Savings Account) is a tax-savings account that must be paired with a High-Deductible Health Plan, which can be used to pay for qualified health care expenses now or in the future. An HSA is a savings account that you own. The funds in an HSA carry forward year after year, even if you change employers or retire.

2024 IRS Contribution Limits:

- $4,150 for single coverage
- $8,300 for family coverage (2+ members)
- $1,000 additional for employee age 55 or older

Additional information:

- You own your HSA (Health Savings Account) which is a tax-savings account that must be paired with a High-Deductible Health Plan, which can be used to pay for qualified health care expenses now or in the future. An HSA is a savings account that you own. The funds in an HSA carry forward year after year, even if you change employers or retire.
- HSA (Health Savings Account) runs on a calendar year and changes can be made at any time.

Resources

All the following documents are available in English and Spanish
• Introduction to HSAs [11]
• Qualified Medical Expenses [12]
• Investing with your HSA [13]
• Frequently asked questions: HSAs [14]
• HSAs and Medicare [15]
• See more one Optum’s homepage... [16]

Videos

• What is an HSA? [17]
• How to use an HSA [18]
• The 5 stages of health savings [19]
• Tax time and an HSA [20]
• Investing with an HSA [21]
• Optum Bank Mobile App [22]

Tools

• Health Savings Checkup [23]
• Prescription Savings [24]
• Qualified Medical Expense Search [25]
• Health Savings Account Calculators [26], which include:
  ○ Maximum HSA Contribution
  ○ HSA Contribution Details and Tax Savings
  ○ HSA Future Value

Determine your contributions

[27] How much is deducted each month? [28]
Healthcare run out of funds from

Update your contributions

- You can enroll, cancel or make changes to your contribution at any time.
- **HSA Open Enrollment:** Employee Services offers an HSA Open Enrollment every November where you can go directly to your employee portal to enroll or update your contributions for the following calendar year. Go to the Benefits & Wellness area and select the Benefits Enrollment to enroll. See instructions. [29]
- You may also make lump sum contributions by submitting the HSA Authorization Form [30] to Employee Services.

Website

Visit the Optum website [16] for more guides, videos and webinars.

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