An HSA qualifying plan is a type of health insurance plan with an <u>upfront deductible</u>. The deductible is paid out-of-pocket for medical and pharmacy claims before the insurance plan pays anything with the exception of some preventative services and medications.

If you enroll in an HSA plan, consider opening an HSA savings bank account. An HSA bank account, or Health Savings Account, is a unique tax-advantaged account that can be used to pay for current or future healthcare expenses. Deposits to your account can be made while you are enrolled in the eligible HSA plan.

You own your HSA account, and it can be opened at the bank you have established personal accounts. There is also an online HSA only bank, HSABANK.com. Your account is not tied to your employment and stays with you if you change jobs or retire (Medicare regulations apply). You can use the money deposited to your Health Savings Account to pay for a wide range of IRS-qualified medical expenses for yourself, your spouse, or tax dependents. The IRS regulated how much savings can be set aside tax-free or for a tax credit. See the chart below for 2023 and 2024 maximums and a list of IRS qualified medical expenses. Please note, these amounts apply per calendar year.

Annual Contribution Maximums for 2023:				
Single (Under 55):	\$3,850	Single (55 and Older):	\$4,850	
Spouse/Family (Under 55):	\$7,750	Spouse/Family (55 and Older):	\$8,750	
Annual Contribution Maximums for 2024:				
Single (Under 55):	\$4,150	Single (55 and Older):	\$5,150	
Spouse/Family (Under 55):	\$8,300	Spouse/Family (55 and Older):	\$9,300	

## Examples of IRS-Qualified Medical Expenses:

Acupuncture Alcoholism treatment Ambulance services Annual physical examination Artificial limb or prosthesis Birth control pills (by prescription) Chiropractor Childbirth/delivery Convalescent home (for medical treatment only) Crutches Doctor's fees Dental treatments (including x-rays, braces, dentures, fillings, oral surgery) Dermatologist Diagnostic services Disabled dependent care	Guide dog (or other service animal) Gynecologist Hearing aids and batteries Hospital bills Insurance premiums (in some cases) Laboratory fees Lactation expenses Lodging (away from home for outpatient care) Nursing home Nursing services Obstetrician Osteopath Oxygen Pregnancy test kit	IRS-qualified medical expenses unless prescribed by a doctor) Prenatal care & postnatal treatments Psychiatrist Psychologist Smoking cessation programs Special education tutoring Surgery Telephone or TV equipment to assist the hearing or vision impaired Therapy or counseling Medical transportation expenses Transplants Vaccines Vasectomy Vision care
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