HSA Examples of Eligible Expenses

Your health savings account (HSA) may reimburse:

- Qualified medical expenses incurred by the account beneficiary and his or her spouse and dependents;
- COBRA premiums;
- Health insurance premiums while receiving unemployment benefits;
- Qualified long-term care premiums*; and
- Any health insurance premiums paid, other than for a Medicare supplemental policy, by individuals age 65 or older.

Distributions made from an HSA to reimburse the account beneficiary for eligible expenses are excluded from gross income.

Qualified Medical Expenses

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) defines qualified medical care expenses as amounts paid for the diagnosis, cure or treatment of a disease, and for treatments affecting any part or function of the body. The expenses must be primarily to alleviate a physical or mental defect or illness.

The products and services listed below are examples of medical expenses eligible for payment under your HSA, when such services are not covered by your high-deductible health plan. To be an expense for medical care, the expense has to be primarily for the prevention or alleviation of a physical or mental defect or illness.

Under a rule that went into effect Jan. 1, 2011, claims for over-the-counter medicine or drug expenses (other than insulin) cannot be reimbursed without a prescription. This rule does not apply to items for medical care that are not medicines or drugs.

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This list is not all-inclusive; additional expenses may qualify, and the items listed below are subject to change in accordance with IRS regulations. For more information or clarification on individual list items, refer to Publication 502 or consult a tax professional.

- Abortion
- Acupuncture
- Alcoholism
- Ambulance
- Annual Physical Examination
- Artificial Limb
- Artificial Teeth
- Bandages
- Birth Control Pills
- Body Scan
Examples of Eligible HSA Expenses

- Braille Books and Magazines
- Breast Pumps and Supplies
- Breast Reconstruction Surgery
- Capital Expenses
- Car
- Chiropractor
- Christian Science Practitioner
- Contact Lenses
- Crutches
- Dental Treatment
- Diagnostic Devices
- Disabled Dependent Care Expenses
- Drug Addiction
- Drugs
- Eye Exam
- Eyeglasses
- Eye Surgery
- Fertility Enhancement
- Founder's Fee
- Guide Dog or Other Service Animal
- Health Institute
- Health Maintenance Organization (HMO)
- Hearing Aids
- Home Care
- Home Improvements
- Hospital Services
- Insurance Premiums
- Intellectually and Developmentally Disabled, Special Home for
- Laboratory Fees
- Lactation Expenses
- Lead-Based Paint Removal
- Learning Disability
- Legal Fees
- Lifetime Care—Advance Payments
- Lodging
- Long-Term Care
- Meals
- Medical Conferences
- Medical Information Plan
- Medicines
- Nursing Home
- Nursing Services
- Operations
Examples of Eligible HSA Expenses

- Optometrist
- Organ Donors
- Osteopath
- Oxygen
- Physical Examination
- Pregnancy Test Kit
- Prosthesis
- Psychiatric Care
- Psychoanalysis
- Psychologist
- Special Education
- Sterilization
- Stop-Smoking Programs
- Surgery
- Telephone
- Television
- Therapy
- Transplants
- Transportation
- Trips
- Tuition
- Vasectomy
- Vision Correction Surgery
- Weight-Loss Program
- Wheelchair
- Wig
- X-ray

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Plans that do not allow reimbursement of all eligible medical expenses as defined by the IRS and Department of Treasury must customize this brochure prior to use.

* For purposes of reimbursement of qualified long-term care premiums from an HSA, reimbursement in excess of the amount which may be deducted on an individual’s personal tax return is not an eligible expense. IRS 213(d)(10) establishes the tax deduction allowed for qualified long-term care premiums on individual tax returns. If the HSA reimburses long-terms care premiums for an amount greater than set forth in IRC 213(d)(10), the amount greater than allowed is included in the account holder’s taxable income and is subject to a 20 percent penalty.
Examples of Ineligible HSA Expenses

Your Health Savings Account lets you pay for medical care expenses not covered by your insurance plan with pre-tax dollars. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) defines medical care expenses as amounts paid for the diagnosis, cure or treatment of a disease, and for treatments affecting any part or function of the body.

The items listed below are examples of products and services that are NOT eligible for reimbursement under your HSA, according to the IRS. Typically, expenses for items that promote general health are not eligible expenses. Please note that this list is not all-inclusive, and is subject to change.

- Baby Sitting, Childcare, and Nursing Services for a Normal, Healthy Baby
- Controlled Substances
- Cosmetic Surgery
- Dancing Lessons
- Diaper Service
- Electrolysis or Hair Removal
- Flexible Spending Account
- Funeral Expenses
- Future Medical Care
- Hair Transplant
- Health Club Dues
- Health Savings Accounts

The items listed are examples of products and services that are NOT eligible for reimbursement under your HSA.

- Household Help
- Illegal Operations and Treatments
- Insurance Premiums
- Maternity Clothes
- Medical Savings Account (MSA)
- Medicines and Drugs From Other Countries
- Nonprescription Drugs and Medicines
- Nutritional Supplements
- Personal Use Items
- Swimming Lessons

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- Teeth Whitening
- Veterinary Fees
- Weight-Loss Program


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