

Health Savings Accounts FAQs

Can I choose between an individual or family HSA?

There are health benefit requirements for each type of HSA. We recommend consulting with a qualified tax adviser to determine which you qualify for.

What are qualified medical expenses?

Qualified medical expenses generally are expenses that would qualify as an expense tax deduction. HSA owners should consult with a competent tax advisor for specific questions.

How can I access my HSA?

A debit card is the most common access used, however, checks are available upon request, and members can make cash withdrawals but are responsible for assuring they have records for the qualifying expense.

If my debit card works to make the purchase, does that mean it is a qualified medical expense?

No, the HSA debit card will be open to grocery stores and pharmacies as well as all medical facilities. Not all items that can be purchased in these stores or services that are rendered in medical facilities are qualified medical expenses. Example: At Walgreens you pick up your pharmaceuticals and a soda, although your soda could be rang up and paid for together, it is not a qualified expense and the member should not use their HSA card to purchase it. Members should talk with a competent tax advisor to find out if an elective medical procedure will be a qualified expense prior to using their HSA to pay for it.

Can my employer contribute to my HSA?

Yes, an employer can make current year contributions to an employee's HSA. The owner will want to make sure the combine contributions from the employer and the owner do not exceed the IRS maximum contribution limits.

Do I have to open a new account number for my HSA?

As long as the owner of the HSA is the primary account holder a new account number is not required. However, if the joint owner is the individual that qualifies for the HSA, a new account will need to be open.

Can I have a joint owner on my HSA?

No, HSA's are a form of an IRA - Individual Retirement Accounts, joint owners are not allowed. The primary owner on an account is the sole owner of an HSA. However, HSA's may have a need for access by a spouse or covered family member, in which case, the HSA Power of Attorney must be completed for a debit card to be issued to that individual.

My husband has an HSA Family account and I am POA, can I continue to use the account after he passes away?

No, all POA's void upon death. Upon being notified of the owner's death, the HSA should be frozen. The funds will be disbursed to the beneficiary after completing and providing all required documentation.