

WINNING WITH AN HSA

Health savings accounts (HSAs)



HSAs: *the new*
RETIREMENT STRATEGY

SAVE NOW AND FOR THE FUTURE



**BlueCross BlueShield
of North Carolina**

HealthEquity®

HSAs ARE AN EASY WIN

in today's complex healthcare system



How an HSA works

An HSA paired with an HSA-qualified health plan allows you to make tax-free¹ contributions to an federally-insured² savings account. Balances earn tax-free interest and can be used to pay for qualified medical expenses. HSA-qualified health plans typically cost less than traditional plans and the money saved can be put into your HSA.

HSAs empower savings:

- Lower monthly health insurance premiums
- Money put into your HSA is not taxed
- You earn tax-free interest on HSA balances
- HSA funds used for qualified medical expenses are not taxed
- You can invest your HSA funds for increased tax-free earning potential³

HSA funds remain yours to grow

With an HSA, you own the account and all contributions. Unlike flexible spending accounts (FSAs), the entire HSA balance rolls over each year and remains yours even if you change health plans, retire or leave your employer.

You can win with an HSA

Regardless of your personal medical situation, an HSA can empower you to maximize savings while building a reserve for the future. Contrary to what many may think, healthy individuals aren't the only users who benefit from an HSA.

¹ HSAs are never taxed at a federal income tax level when used appropriately for qualified medical expenses. Also, most states recognize HSA funds as tax-free with very few exceptions. Please consult a tax advisor regarding your state's specific rules.

² Your HSA cash balance is held at an FDIC-insured or NCUA-insured institution and is eligible for federal deposit insurance, subject to applicable requirements and limitations.

³ Investments are subject to risk, including the possible loss of the principal invested, and are not FDIC or NCUA insured, or guaranteed by HealthEquity, Inc. Investing through the HealthEquity investment platform is subject to the terms and conditions of the Health Savings Account Custodial Agreement and any applicable investment supplement. Investing may not be suitable for everyone and before making any investments, review the fund's prospectus.

HSAs: THE NEW RETIREMENT STRATEGY

Supplement your retirement

The average American couple will need \$265,000¹ to cover out-of-pocket health care costs in retirement. An HSA can help fill this Medicare gap as well as dental, hearing and vision expenses. Qualified medical expenses remain tax-free,² even into retirement. In addition, after age 65, you can use your HSA much like a 401(k) and withdraw funds for any purpose.³

Invest⁴ your HSA to maximize your tax-free earning potential

Once your account balance reaches \$2,000,⁵ you can increase your earning potential by investing any funds over that amount in mutual funds. A comprehensive line-up of mutual funds is offered with options designed to fit your individual needs.

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For more information about investing with Advisor, visit:

HealthEquity.com/Advisor

¹ The average American couple will need \$265,000 to have a 90 percent chance of having enough money to cover out-of-pocket health care costs in retirement. Based on median prescription drug expenses. Source: Employee Benefit Research Institute (https://www.ebri.org/pdft/notespdf/EBRI_Notes_Hlth-Svgs.v38no1_31Jan17.pdf)

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³ After age 65, if you withdraw funds for any purpose other than qualified medical expenses, you will be subject to income taxes. Funds withdrawn for qualified medical expenses will remain tax-free.

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GET STARTED WITH AN HSA TODAY

1 Select an HSA-qualified health plan

Enroll in an HSA-qualified plan. These plans typically cost less than traditional plans and provide tax saving opportunities. HealthEquity will work with Blue Cross and Blue Shield of North Carolina (Blue Cross NC) to automatically set up your account and supply a HealthEquity® Visa® Health Account Card¹ to conveniently pay for eligible expenses.

2 Add money to your HSA

Fund your HSA through pre-tax payroll deductions or transfer money into your account through the HealthEquity member portal. To take full advantage of tax savings and to build a reserve for the future, consider maximizing your contributions as set by the IRS:

HSA eligibility

To make tax-free² contributions to an HSA, the IRS requires that:

- you are covered by an HSA-qualified health plan.
- you have no other health coverage (such as other health plan, Medicare, military health benefits, medical FSAs).
- you cannot be claimed as a dependent on another person's tax return.

HSA CONTRIBUTION LIMITS

2020 INDIVIDUAL
\$3,550

2021 INDIVIDUAL
\$3,600

2020 FAMILY
\$7,100

2021 FAMILY
\$7,200

At age 55, an additional
\$1,000 is allowed annually.

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3 Watch your HSA grow

Your federally-insured HSA earns tax-free¹ interest. Maximize your tax-free earning potential by investing HSA funds using the convenient online investment tool.²

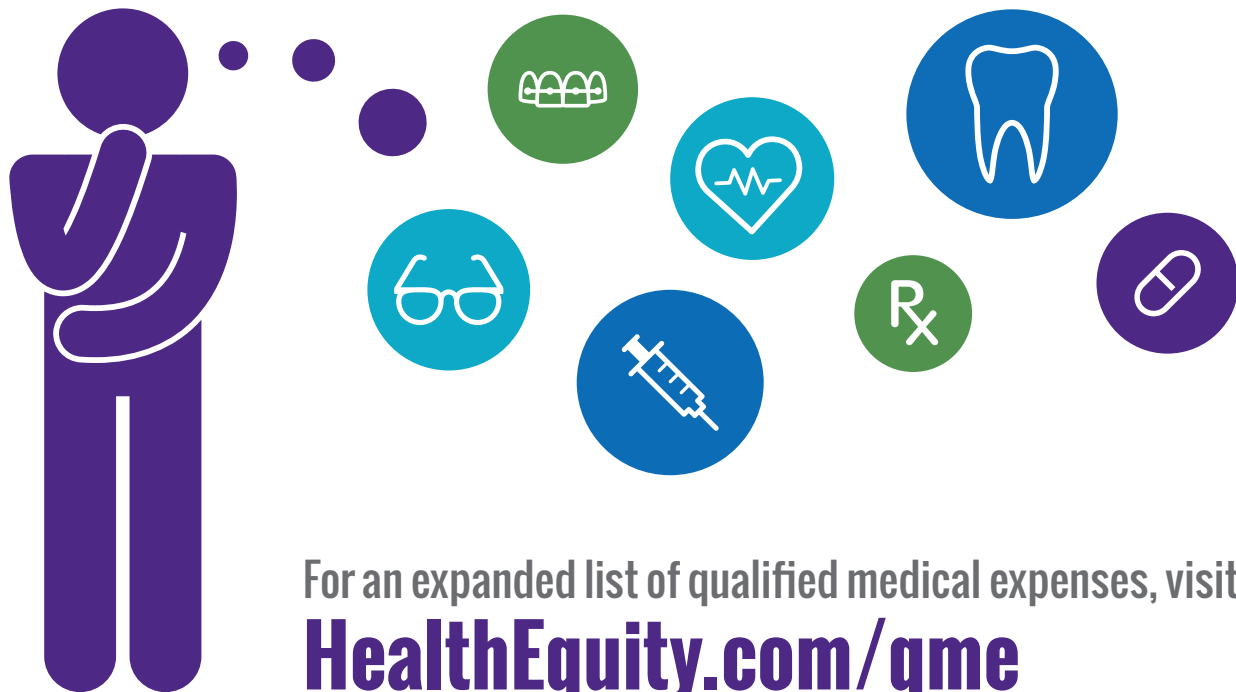
4 Use your HSA for qualified medical expenses

HSA funds can be used for a variety of qualified medical, dental and vision expenses, including:

- Acupuncture
- Birth control
- Chiropractor
- Contact lenses
- Dental treatment
- Prescription eyeglasses
- Fertility enhancement
- Hearing aids
- Lab work
- Medical supplies
- Physical exams
- Prescriptions
- Orthodontia
- Radiology
- Stop-smoking programs
- Surgery (non-cosmetic)
- Therapy
- and more...



You will receive a HealthEquity debit card³ for easy access to your funds.



For an expanded list of qualified medical expenses, visit:
HealthEquity.com/qme

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Who are you?

YOU CAN WIN WITH AN HSA

An HSA can benefit Americans from all walks of life and empower savings now and for the future. Contrary to popular belief, you do not have to be healthy or wealthy to benefit from an HSA – just wise! To see how different types of healthcare consumers win, see the link below.

See how you can personally benefit from an HSA:
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SHOPPER



SURVIVOR



MINIMALIST



Account mentors



HealthEquity team member
Salt Lake City, Utah

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every hour of every day**

HealthEquity understands the significance of your benefits selection. Based in Salt Lake City, the HealthEquity team is available 24 hours a day, providing you with insight to help you optimize your health savings account. Call today.

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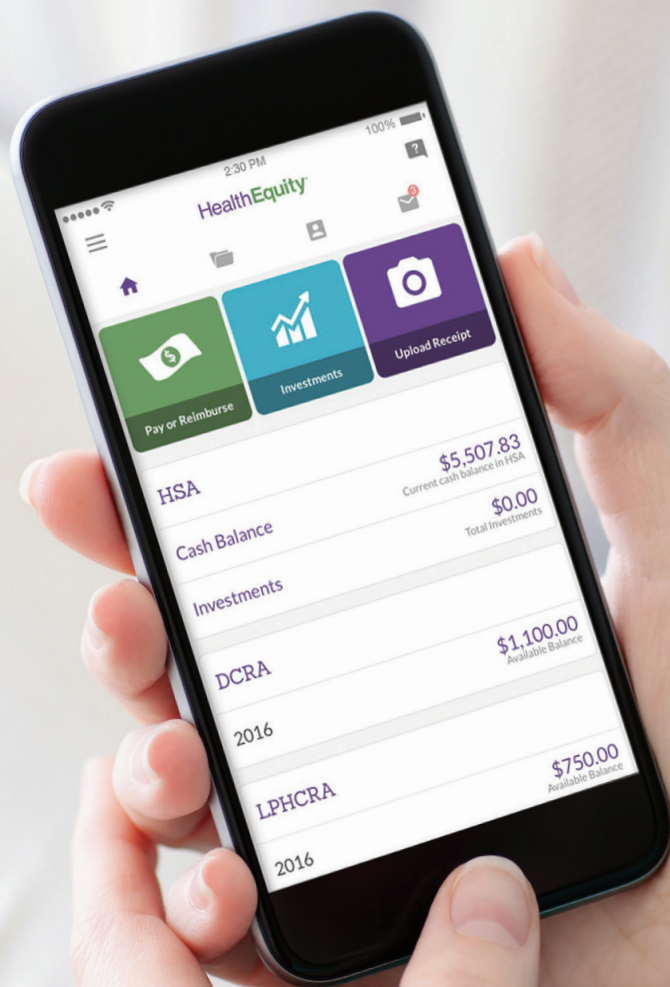
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