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## Why should I choose a health savings account (HSA)?

An HSA is a benefit that allows you to choose how much of your paycheck you'd like to set aside, before taxes are taken out, for healthcare expenses or use as a retirement savings tool. This plan offers tax savings that a 401(k) and IRA don't, making it a powerful option for diversifying your retirement portfolio.



### It's yours

Think of your HSA as a personal savings account. Any unspent money in your HSA remains yours, allowing you to grow your balance over time. When you reach age 65, you can withdraw money (without penalty) and use it for anything, including non-healthcare expenses.



### Flexibility

Save for a rainy day. Invest for your future retirement. Or spend your funds on qualified expenses, penalty free.



### Easy to use

Swipe your benefits debit card at the point of purchase. There is no requirement to verify any of your purchases. We recommend keeping any receipts in case of an IRS audit.



### Smart savings

The HSA's unique, triple-tax savings means the money you contribute, earnings from investments and withdrawals for eligible expenses are all tax-free, making it a savvy savings and retirement tool.



### Investment options

You can invest your HSA funds in an interest-bearing account or our standard mutual fund lineup. Savvy investors may opt for a Health Savings Brokerage Account powered by Charles Schwab, giving you access to more than 8,500 mutual funds, stocks and bonds.

## Can I enroll?

You must be enrolled in a high-deductible health plan (HDHP) in order to enroll in the HSA. You're not eligible for an HSA if:

- You're claimed as a dependent on someone else's taxes.
- You're covered by another plan that conflicts with the HDHP, such as Medicare, a medical flexible spending account (FSA) or select health reimbursement arrangements (HRAs).
- You or your spouse are contributing to a medical FSA.

## What does it cover?

There are thousands of eligible items. The list includes but is not limited to:

- Copays, coinsurance, insurance premiums
- Doctor visits and surgeries
- Over-the-counter medications (first aid, allergy, asthma, cold/flu, heartburn, etc.)
- Prescription drugs
- Birthing and lamaze classes
- Dental and orthodontia
- Vision expenses, such as frames, contacts, prescription sunglasses, etc.

View our searchable list of eligible expenses at

[www.wexinc.com/insights/benefits-toolkit/eligible-expenses/](http://www.wexinc.com/insights/benefits-toolkit/eligible-expenses/)



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