

RETIREMENT PLAN SERVICES

# A tax-smart way to save for retirement

Health savings accounts (HSAs)

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### Getting a handle on healthcare costs in retirement

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Healthcare costs are expected to rise on average 5.4% each year for the next decade.<sup>1</sup>



Today, a couple may spend an average of \$315,000 on healthcare during retirement.<sup>2</sup>



to more years of healthcare costs.



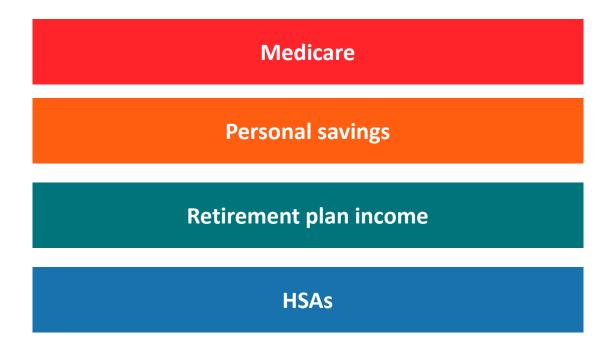
Medicare typically covers only about 2/3 of retirees' medical expenses.<sup>2</sup>

 ${}^1CMS, NHE\ Fact\ Sheet, \underline{https://www.cms.gov/Research-Statistics-Data-and-Systems/Statistics-Trends-and-Reports/NationalHealthExpendData/NHE-Fact-Sheet, 2022.$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Stephanie Dhue and Sharon Epperson, "Americans can expect to pay a lot more for medical care in retirement," CNBC, https://www.cnbc.com/2022/05/16/americans-can-expect-to-pay-a-lot-more-for-medical-care-in-retirement.html, May 16, 2022.

### How will you pay for healthcare in retirement?

You'll likely tap multiple sources to pay for healthcare:



#### What are HSAs?

#### **HSAs are:**

- Available to those who are enrolled in a high-deductible health plan (HDHP)
- A tax-advantaged way to pay for healthcare costs, including premiums, in retirement
- A way to cover traditional and non-traditional medical expenses using tax-free dollars
- Used to cover healthcare costs incurred by you, your spouse, and your children



### What's so great about HSAs?

#### They're triple tax-free, offering





Tax-free withdrawals



Tax-free growth

- ✓ They can serve as great payment sources for premiums and qualifying medical expenses in retirement.
- ✓ They don't expire, and you can carry over the balance from year to year.
- They're portable, which means you take your savings with you if you change jobs, switch health insurance plans, or retire.

### How do I get an HSA?

#### STEP **ONE**

Enroll in an HDHP. HDHPs offer lower premiums in exchange for higher deductibles.

#### STEP TWO

Enroll in an HSA.



### How much can I put aside in an HSA?

The IRS limits how much you can contribute each year.

#### In 2023:

Individual: \$3,850

Family: \$7,750



#### If you're 55 or older:

You can contribute up to \$1,000 more each year.



Source: IRS, Revenue Procedure 2022-24

### HSAs for the ages



Under age 55



**Pre-retirees** 



**Retirees** 

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### If you're under age 55



**Under age 55** 

#### Tips for making the most of your HSA:

- Start contributing to an HSA early and contribute as much as you can.
- Increase the amount you contribute over time, with a goal of "maxing out."
- 3 Allow parents, relatives, or friends to contribute.

### If you're at least 55



**Pre-retirees** 

#### \* HSA catch-up contribution annual limit: \$1,000

#### Tips for making the most of your HSA:

- Tap your HSA for medical exams, doctor's visits, dental care, medications, and more.
- Max out your HSA; use your other retirement savings for more enjoyable pursuits.
- If you're 55+, make additional "catch-up" contributions.\*
- 4 Reimburse yourself for prior covered expenses.

### If you're retired



#### Tips for making the most of your HSA:

- Use your HSA to pay healthcare premiums or to cover hospital bills, long-term care costs, nursing services, and medications.
- Unlike other retirement savings accounts, HSAs don't require withdrawals of funds beginning at a specific age.
- You can use your HSA for nonmedical expenses, but you'll owe taxes on the withdrawals.
- Enrolled in Medicare? You can no longer contribute to an HSA, but you can still tap your balance.

### Test your knowledge

- How much can a couple retiring today expect to spend on average on healthcare in retirement?

  More than \$300,000.
- What type of health plan is always paired with an HSA?

  A high-deductible health plan (HDHP)
- How are HSAs "triple tax-free"?
  You save on taxes when you put money in, when you withdraw money, and as your investments grow.



### Test your knowledge

- Does the money in my HSA account expire?

  No. You can roll over the balance from year to year.
- What are catch-up contributions?
  They're additional contributions of up to \$1,000 a year that participants who are age 55 or older can make to their HSA accounts.
  - Can you use an HSA for non-medical expenses in retirement?
    - Yes, but you'll have to pay income taxes on the distributions.



#### For more information

To learn more about HSAs:



Visit **IRS.gov**, or talk to your tax advisor about HSA limits and your taxes.



Speak with your retirement plan representative to learn more about HSAs.

## Questions?

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