



Health savings accounts

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All about health savings accounts

A health savings account (HSA) is a tax-free account in which you can save money to pay for current and future IRS-approved healthcare expenses.

Use your HSA funds toward deductibles, copays, and coinsurance. Or save and invest your money to let it grow over time for future use.

The HSA belongs to you

It's your money and you decide when and how to spend it. It does not belong to your employer, even if your employer contributes money to your account. Plus, if you change jobs or retire, your HSA is unaffected. It will just roll over into your next job. There's also no "use it or lose it" rule with HSAs, so your funds will not expire.

Are you eligible for an HSA?

This is an IRS rule. You're likely eligible if you answer no to all of these questions:

- Are you claimed as a tax dependent on another person's taxes?
- Are you enrolled in Medicare?
- Are you covered by your own or your spouse's flexible spending account (FSA), health reimbursement arrangement (HRA), or a non-HSA health plan?

Exceptions: limited-purpose FSA or post-deductible HRA.

TIP: Use your HSA funds to pay for expenses incurred by your spouse or dependents, even if they are not on your plan.

TIP: Savings from lower premiums can be deposited into your HSA.

The benefits of using an HSA

TRIPLE TAX SAVINGS

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Pre-tax funds

deposited from your paycheck

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Tax-free withdrawals

for eligible healthcare expenses

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Tax-free growth

from interest earned and any earnings from investments

Grow your HSA

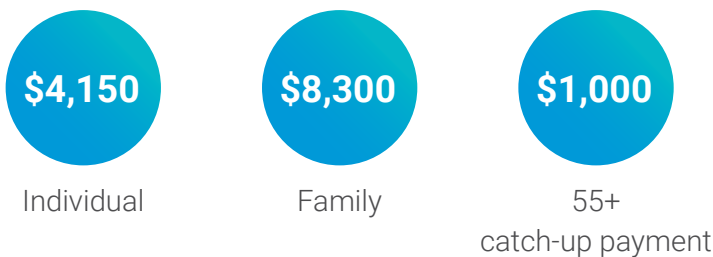
The balance rolls over year to year and can continue to grow.

Earning interest and investing your savings

Your HSA may earn interest like any other bank savings account. Plus, you'll have the option of investing your savings in a variety of mutual funds once you reach a minimum balance. The auto-investing feature gives you a hands-off option to help you save consistently toward your savings goals.

Funding your HSA

For calendar year 2024, you may deposit up to these IRS limits:



Using your HSA after the age of 65

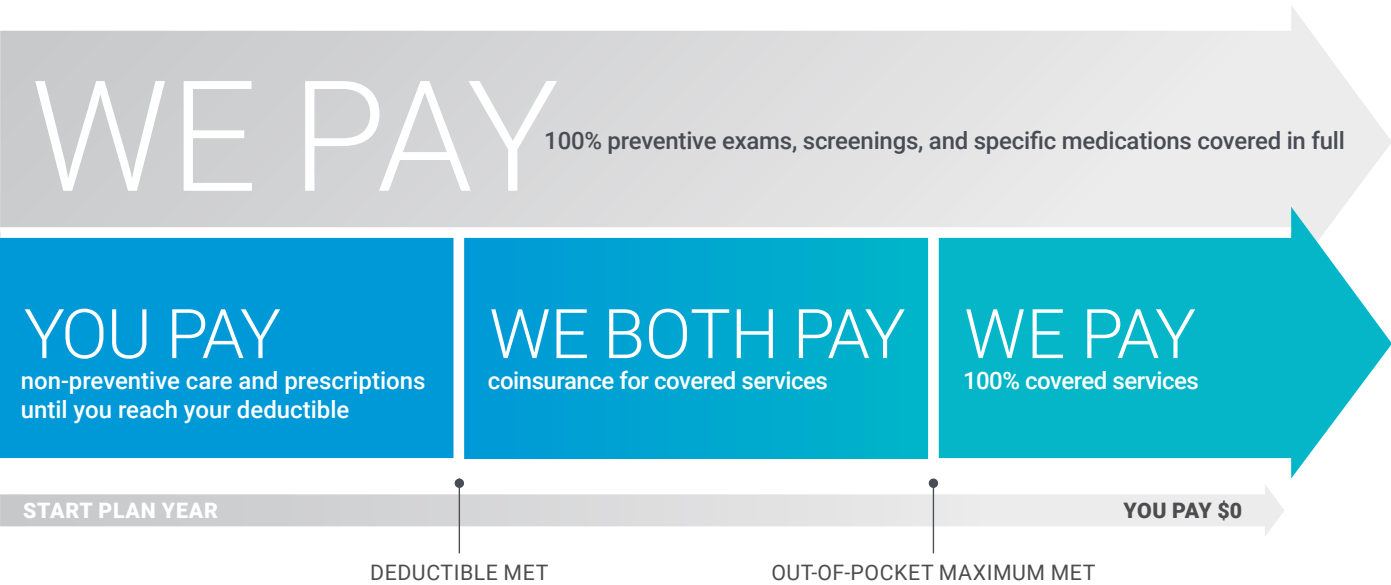
Once you enroll in Medicare, you'll no longer be able to contribute to your HSA. However, you can still withdraw money tax free to pay for your healthcare expenses.

You can also withdraw money from your account for non-medical reasons without penalty, but those funds will be not be tax exempt.

TIP: Use your HSA as an investment option

Maxed out your IRA, 401(k), and Roth IRA? An HSA allows you more tax-deferred savings beyond the maximum 401(k) and IRA contribution limits. This could help you build an additional tax-advantaged nest egg for retirement.

How your HSA works



For details about your plan's actual preventive benefits, see your preventive benefits list, summary of benefits, and your benefit booklet on premera.com.

YOUR HSA EXPERIENCE



Ready for business

It's easy and convenient, and your HSA is opened automatically for you.

Invest your savings

With access to a fully integrated investment center with a variety of no-load, no-transaction-fee mutual funds.

Manage your HSA plan online

You can access both your health plan and HSA at **premera.com** and easily navigate between the two. You'll also be able to download a mobile app to manage your HSA while you're out and about.

Now that's the way an integrated experience is supposed to work!

Pay healthcare bills with your HSA

You can use the money in your HSA to pay for IRS-approved healthcare expenses—including your deductible, copays, and coinsurance. And this money will not be taxed.

Some expenses you can pay for with your HSA:

- Copays, coinsurance, and deductible
- Dental care
- Eye exams, glasses, and contacts
- Orthodontia
- Prescription drugs

Some expenses you cannot pay for using your HSA:

- Health plan premiums
- Gym fees
- Cosmetic surgery
- Teeth whitening

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