HEALTH & BENEFIT ACCOUNTS

Health Savings Account midyear enrollment

About The HSA for Life

A Health Savings Account (HSA) is a personal savings and investment account that works in combination with an HSA-qualified health plan to let you set aside money on a pre-tax basis to help save for health care expenses.¹ Your HSA can be used now, next year or even when you’re retired.

Enrolling in your HSA midyear

HSA contribution limits are based upon a calendar year starting January 1. However, there are some instances when you would enroll in your HSA and start contributing to your account midyear, including:

- You start a new job and enroll in a high-deductible health care plan.
- Your company’s benefits renew midyear.
- You need to update your enrollment during the year based on a change in personal status, like getting married or starting Medicare.

In these cases, you will need to prorate your contributions based on the number of months you are HSA-eligible to ensure you are not exceeding the annual limit.

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<th>12</th>
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<td>$7,750</td>
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<td>$5,812</td>
<td>$5,166</td>
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<td>$2,583</td>
<td>$1,937</td>
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<td>$645</td>
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<td>$2,245</td>
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<td>$1,604</td>
<td>$1,283</td>
<td>$962</td>
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### Example

You start a new job on March 10 and enroll in an HSA-eligible health care plan. You become eligible to start contributing to your account on April 1, meaning that you will be making contributions only nine months of that calendar year. Using the chart above, you determine that you are able to contribute up to $2,887 for individual plan coverage or $5,812 for family coverage through the end of the year.

Investment products:

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The last-month rule offers another option

If you are eligible to contribute to your HSA on the first day of the last month of your tax year (December 1), you are considered eligible for the entire year and can contribute the full amount allowed. However, there is one condition: You need to stay enrolled in a high-deductible health care plan through the end of the following calendar year. If you don’t, you could owe income tax and an additional tax penalty on contributions in excess of the prorated amount.

Catch-up contributions

If you are 55 and older and your HSA eligibility changes during the year, you will also need to prorate your catch-up contribution.

Example

Let’s say you enroll in Medicare on June 1 and are no longer eligible to contribute to your HSA. Start with the total available catch-up contribution amount ($1,000 for 2023), divide by 12 and multiply by the number of months you are eligible to contribute:

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(\frac{1,000}{12}) \times 5 = 416
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Under the last-month rule, you could decide to contribute the family maximum of $7,750 in 2023, as long as you maintain family coverage through December 31, 2024.

Changes in coverage

Changes in status, such as marriage or a birth of a child, could change your coverage from individual to family or, in the cases of divorce or death of a spouse, from family to individual. Let’s look at an example to understand how this might affect your contribution limit.

Example

You have a life change event on May 1 and change your coverage from individual to family. You are eligible to contribute at the individual rate from January through April and up to the family contribution limit from May through December. Using the chart on page 1, you can easily calculate your prorated contribution for the year as follows:

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1,283 + 5,166 = 6,449
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4 months individual 8 months family

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