Gain Control with a Health Savings Account



Your BlueSolutions plan gives you access to a health savings account (HSA) that gives you more control over the money you spend on doctors, drugs, and tests.

It's a little like a retirement account for medical expenses. When you put money into your HSA you get a triple tax advantage:

- The money you put in may reduce your taxable income;
- Interest you earn in an HSA is tax-free; and
- The money isn't even taxed when you spend it on qualified medical expenses.

Let the money in your HSA roll over, so you can use it next year, or even in retirement. You never lose it.



*This example is for illustrative purposes only and does not represent actual tax impact.

2018 Annual contribution maximums

Individual plans: \$3,450 Family plans: \$6,900

If account holder is 55 years or older, they can contribute an extra \$1,000.

Here's how it works

Log in to your HSA account

- Go to **bcbsri.com** and log in. Click YOUR HSA in the left hand tool bar. Use the videos, tools, and calculators on the site to learn how to manage your account and start saving.
- Explore HSA tools and resources online
 - View your account
 - Pay bills and submit claims
 - Calculate your savings
 - Learn how to use your HSA

Make payments

- HSA debit card
- Pay bills online
- HSA checks (extra fee)

Download BlueSolutions mobile app

Manage your HSA account on the go. Find details at your HSA account online.



Learn about eligible/ineligible expenses*

Eligible expenses:

Acupuncture Ambulance Birth control Braces Cancer treatment Chemical dependency Child birth/delivery Chiropractor Contact lenses Copays Deductibles Dental expenses Dermatologist fees Diagnostic tests

Ineligible expenses:

Cosmetic surgery Deodorant Electrolysis hair removal Funeral expenses Health club dues Durable medical equipment Eyeglasses Eye surgery Hearing aids Hospital services Insulin treatment Laboratory fees Long-term care Machine tests Medicare Part D premiums Mental health Neurologist Nursing home Optometrist

Medicated shampoo & soap Multivitamins Non-prescription medicines, like cold and flu pills (unless prescribed by a doctor)



OB/GYN services Pediatrician Physician services Prescription drugs Psychiatric care Psychologist Smoking cessation programs Surgeon fees Transplants Transportation for healthcare Vision expenses Weight loss program X-ray fees

Teeth whiteners Tissues Toiletries

*This list is for illustrative purposes and is not a complete list of all eligible and ineligible expenses. Please see IRS Publication 502 for a more detailed and accurate listing of qualified healthcare expenses.

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