

Healthcare Flexible Spending Accounts

Set aside, spend, and save

A Flexible Spending Account, or FSA, is an account with tax perks you use to stretch benefit dollars for healthcare expenses.

How your Healthcare FSA works:

- Decide what you want to contribute to your Healthcare FSA (HC-FSA) for the year. Money is then deducted pre-tax from your paycheck in equal installments.
- Pay for qualified medical expenses for yourself, your spouse, and your dependents.
- Use your HSA Bank Health Benefits Debit Card to pay directly or pay out of pocket and submit a claim for reimbursement.
- Check your balance and account information on the Member Website or HSA Bank Mobile App 24/7.

What's covered?

You can use your HC-FSA funds to pay for any IRS-qualified medical expenses like doctor visits, hospital fees, prescriptions, dental exams, vision appointments, over-the-counter medications, and more.

Visit hsabank.com/QME for a list of qualified expenses.

Am I eligible?

HC-FSAs must be elected during your new hire eligibility period and reelected each year during annual open enrollment for the next year. You are not automatically re-enrolled each year.

What happens if I don't use all of my HC-FSA funds?

Plan Carefully! Money left in your HC-FSA at the end of the grace period is forfeited and cannot be returned to you. This is called the "Use it or Lose it" rule. You must incur eligible expenses by March 15, 2024 and submit them for reimbursement before March 31, 2024.

Grace Period. The USG provides a grace period of 2½ months after the end of the calendar year. This means you can continue to incur eligible healthcare expenses through **March 15, 2024,** giving you a little more time to use up your Healthcare FSA balance. **All USG FSAs have a grace period.**

Moving from an FSA to an HSA? If you change from one calendar year to a Health Savings Account (HSA) the next calendar year, IRS rules state that your HC-FSA balance must be zero on December 31 or you will not be able to contribute to your new HSA until April 1 (after the grace period is over). You need to take action by making an HSA election on or after April 1, 2024.

How much can I contribute?

Each year, the IRS limits how much you can contribute to your FSA. Visit **hsabank.com/irs-guidelines** for specific annual limits.

Tax savings



HC-FSA contributions aren't subject to federal and most state income taxes.¹



Any funds you spend on qualified medical expenses are tax-free.





