Examples of Ineligible HSA Expenses

Your Health Savings Account lets you pay for medical care expenses not covered by your insurance plan with pre-tax dollars. The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) defines medical care expenses as amounts paid for the diagnosis, cure or treatment of a disease, and for treatments affecting any part or function of the body.

The items listed below are examples of products and services that are NOT eligible for reimbursement under your HSA, according to the IRS. Typically, expenses for items that promote general health are not eligible expenses. Please note that this list is not all-inclusive, and is subject to change.

Babysitting, childcare and nursing services for a normal, healthy baby
  • Controlled substances or illegal drugs
  • Cosmetic surgery
  • Dancing lessons
  • Diapers or diaper service
  • Electrolysis or hair removal

• Funeral expenses
• Future medical care (except advance payments for lifetime care, or long-term care)
• Hair transplant
• Health club dues
• Health coverage tax credit
• Household help
• Illegal operations or treatments
• Insurance premiums (with a few exceptions)

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• Maternity clothes
• Medication from other countries
• Nonprescription drugs and medicine, except insulin (over-the-counter medicine is eligible for reimbursement with a prescription)
• Nutritional supplements, unless recommended by a medical practitioner as treatment for a specific medical condition
• Personal use items (e.g., toothbrush, toothpaste, dental floss)
• Swimming lessons
• Teeth whitening
• Veterinary fees

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- Weight-loss program (unless for a specific disease diagnosed by a physician)

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