# **HSA or FSA?** Find the Right Fit for Your Healthcare Expenses

## What Are These Accounts?

Both accounts use pre-tax dollars to pay for eligible healthcare expenses for you and your eligible dependents.

### **HSA**

Health Savings Account is paired with a High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP).

### **FSA**

Flexible Spending Account is most often paired with a Traditional PPO plan.

## What Are Eligible Expenses?

Both accounts can be used to pay for copays, deductibles, prescriptions, glasses and contacts, dental care, orthodontics, and more! For a complete list of qualified medical expenses, see IRS Publication 502.

## What Are the Biggest Benefits?



#### **HSA**

## There are short term and long term benefits.

You can save and spend tax-free right now, and you can also save and invest for bigger health expenses down the road.



## **FSA**

**There are short term benefits.** You can save and spend tax-free on predictable health expenses each year.

## Am I Eligible?



## **HSA**

You must be enrolled in an HDHP. You cannot be enrolled in a traditional PPO plan or participate in a healthcare FSA or HRA.



## **FSA**

You can participate in the FSA regardless of your other benefit coverage elections.

## Who Owns the Account?



## **HSA**

You own the account. The money goes with you if you leave the company or retire.



#### **FSA**

Your employer owns the account. You forfeit the funds if you leave the company or retire.



## How Much Can I Contribute in 2025?



## **HSA**

Up to \$4,300 (employee), \$8,550 (family), and an additional \$1,000 if you are age 55+. You can update your contribution amount at any time. Please note that the HSA is 100% employee funded.



## **FSA**

**Up to \$3,300.** You can update your contribution during open enrollment or if you experience a qualifying life event, like getting married.

## Do Funds Rollover?



## **HSA**

Yes, funds rollover from year to year.



## **FSA**

FSAs have a "use it or lose it" policy. You may use what you set aside for the plan year until March 15th of the following year.

## When Are the Funds Available?



### **HSA**

Funds are available as you accrue them throughout the year.



### **FSA**

Your full election is on the first day of the plan year.

## What Happens When I Enroll in Medicare (including Medicare Part A)?



### **HSA**

You may no longer contribute to your HSA. However, you can continue to use the funds for eligible expenses including Medicare premiums.



## **FSA**

Medicare premiums are not reimbursable through an FSA. An HSA serves as the better long-term option when it comes to retirement.

## What Happens If I Am Enrolled in Medicare (including Medicare Part A)?



#### **HSA**

You are not eligible to contribute to an HSA.



#### FSA

You are eligible to contribute to an FSA. However, Medicare premiums are not an eligible expense.

## How Can I Manage This Account?



#### **HSA**

Allegiance manages this account. Call **877.424.3570** or visit **www.AskAllegiance.com** for more information.



## FSA

Allegiance manages this account.
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www.AllegianceFlexAdvantage.com for more information.

