

# **ALLEGIANCE ADVANTAGE®**

# Take Your Health Savings Account with You - It's Yours!

Funds in your HSA stay with you wherever you go. Whether it's a job change, a new health plan, or retirement, your HSA remains in your control.

#### No Use-or-Lose Rule

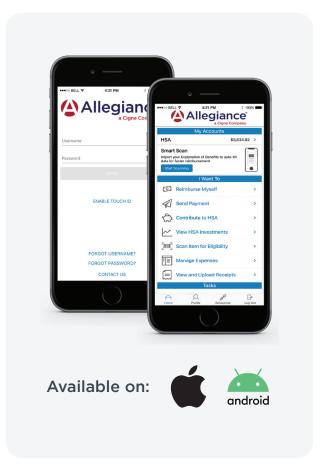
An HSA acts just like a savings account in which you can routinely contribute funds, saving for when you need to pay for qualified medical expenses. Unlike flexible spending accounts, funds stay in your account from one year to the next. Funds also belong to you so if you leave employment you still have access to them at Allegiance. Participants who leave their accounts at Allegiance after termination do incur a monthly service charge.

#### **Triple Tax Benefits**

HSA dollars are tax-free both when you contribute and when you receive distributions for qualified medical expenses.

- 1. Contributions to an HSA are deductible from your federal gross income.
- 2. Investment earnings and interest on savings are exempt from taxes.
- **3.** Withdrawals from an HSA for qualified medical expenses are always free from federal income tax.

The IRS requires reporting on your HSA. Allegiance will provide form 1099-SA by January 31st. This form will help you answer form 8889 on your taxes



#### **Invest in Your Future**

Contributions to your HSA are a wonderful way to plan for retirement. Unlike 401k accounts, HSAs have no minimum distribution requirement once you've retired. Also, saved amounts greater than \$2,000 may be invested in mutual funds. After you turn 65, or if you become disabled, your HSA withdrawals for non-eligible expenses will be taxed at your regular income tax rate with no additional penalties. Because withdrawals used for eligible medical expenses are tax-free at any age, your HSA is like a super-charged IRA or 401k!



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### **HSA Requirements and Activation**

To activate your HSA, go to www.askallegiance.com and use the Health/Reimbursement dropdown to login. If you have not previously created a username and password, click "Register a New User" at the bottom of the dropdown menu to set up your account. Enter your information on the next screen and click submit. Once your identity has been verified, you can create your username and password.

After your HSA is established, three sets of terms and conditions (required by the Patriot Act) will display when you login. Select each one, scroll to the bottom, and click the "accept" box. Your HSA (including the debit card) is active and funds may be used when the terms and conditions have been accepted per the IRS rules for setting up your account.

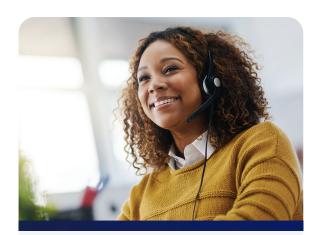
You will receive an email notification when each monthly statement is available. Please be sure to confirm your email address is correct and complete the direct deposit information online. This step is important because there is a \$2.00 fee for each check and mailed statement.

Each account holder receives 2 debit cards. New cards are mailed in a plain white envelope. If you wish to request a reimbursement online, login to the website and click on "Reimburse Myself".

Services submitted to your group health plan will be loaded to the "Expense Tracker" if your health plan is being adminstered by Allegiance. You will receive an email notification each time this happens. The debit card can be used prior to the health plan paying but please be aware you need to mark the expense paid if you pre-paid at service.

HSA MAXIMUM CONTRIBUTION LIMITS		
Calendar Year	2023	2024
Self-Only Coverage	\$3,850	\$4,150
Family Coverage	\$7,750	\$8,300
Catch-Up Contribution Limit (Age 55 and over)	\$1,000	\$1,000

- Qualifying life events are not required to change your contribution amount.
- Funds roll over from one year to the next.
- HSAs can be used as a retirement vehicle. Balances over \$2,000 may be invested.
- Please be sure to identify your beneficiary in your profile.



### **HSA Eligibility Requirements**

- Enrollment in qualified highdeductible health plan (HDHP)
- No secondary coverage (i.e. Medicare, TRICARE, health FSA)
- Not claimed as a dependent on another individual's tax return



#### **Questions?**

Call customer service M-F at 1-877-424-3570, 7:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. (Mountain Time), or email us any time at advantageinquire@askallegiance.com.



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### **HSA Investment Options**

AMER FDS GROWTH FND OF AMER F2

AMER FUNDS CAPITAL INC BLDR F2

AMERICAN EUROPACIFIC GROW F2

AMERICAN FUNDS BALANCED FUND

DFA US LARGE CAP VALUE PORT I

FIDELITY ADV DIVRSFD INTL I

JPMORGAN MARKET EXP ENH IDX I

LOOMIS SAYLES GLOBAL ALLOC Y

LORD ABBETT HIGH YIELD I

NEUBERGER BERMAN MID CAP GR I

NORTHERN SMALL CAP VALUE

NUVEEN REALESTATE SECURITIES I

PIMCO TOTAL RETURN INST

TEMPLETON GLOBAL BOND ADV

VAN INFLATION PROTECTED SEC AD

VAN INTERM TERM BND IDX ADM

VAN SMALL CAP GROWTH IDX ADM

VAN TOTAL WORLD STOCK IDX INV

VANGUARD 500 INDEX ADMIRAL

VANGUARD EMG MKTS STK IDX ADM

VANGUARD MID CAP INDEX ADM

VANGUARD RETIREMENT 2020 INV

VANGUARD RETIREMENT 2030 INV

VANGUARD RETIREMENT 2040 INV

VANGUARD RETIREMENT 2050 INV

VANGUARD RETIREMENT 2060 INV

VANGUARD SMALL CAP INDEX ADM

VANGUARD TGT RETIREMNT INC INV

VANGUARD TTL BND MRKT IDX ADM

VANGUARD TTL INTL STK IND ADM

Mutual funds currently available for savings greater than \$2,000.









