Examples of Ineligible 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 coverage tax credit
- Household help
- Illegal operations or treatments
- Insurance premiums (with a few exceptions)
- 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
- Weight-loss program (unless for a specific disease diagnosed by a physician)

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