

A health savings account (HSA) allows you to save money for qualified medical expenses that you're expecting, such as contact lenses or monthly prescriptions, as well as unexpected ones — for this year the future.

## Why have an HSA?

You own it. The money is yours until you spend it, even deposits made by others, such as an employer or family member. You keep it, even if you change jobs, health plans or retire.

# **Tax Savings**

HSAs help you plan, save and pay for health care, all while saving on taxes.

- •The money you deposit is federal income tax-free.
- Savings grow income tax-free.
- Withdrawals for qualified medical expenses are income tax-free.

# It's not just for doctor visits

Once you've contributed to your account, you can use the funds in your HSA to pay for qualified medical expenses such as:

- Dental care, including extractions and braces
- Vision care, including contact lenses and LASIK surgery
- Prescription medications
- Chiropractic services
- Acupuncture

#### Save for the future

Your HSA rolls over from year to year, so you can continue to grow your savings and use it in the future - even into retirement.

## Who Can Open an HSA?

To be an eligible individual and qualify for an HSA, you must have a high deductible health plan (HDHP) that meets IRS guidelines for the annual deductible and out-of-pocket maximum.

In addition, you must:

- Not be covered by any other health coverage except what is permitted (dental, vision, disability and some other types of additional coverage are permissible).
- Not be enrolled in Medicare, TRICARE or TRICARE for Life.
- Have not received Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) benefits within the past three months, except for preventive care.
- Not be claimed as a dependent on someone else's tax return.
- Not have a health care flexible spending account (FSA) or health reimbursement account (HRA).
  Alternative plan designs, such as a limited purpose FSA is permitted.