# **Top 10 Reasons** You Should Have An HSA

#### Tax Savings

You can deduct your HSA deductions from your gross income on your federal tax return, even if you do not itemize deductions. Many states also allow the deduction from state income taxes.



#### **Earned Interest**

Funds in your HSA grow with taxdeferred interest.

# Portability

You own your account, so even if you change jobs, your HSA funds go with you.

# Affordable Health Coverage

Use your Health Savings Account to cover 100% of the cost of routine medical expenses like office visits, lab tests, and over-the-counter drugs (with a prescription only).

# Reduced Insurance Premiums

Your insurance premiums can be substantially lower when you change from a low-deductible plan to a high-deductible plan.

# Long-term Savings

Because your funds can roll over from year to year, you can let the funds in your account grow tax-deferred. That's why HSAs have been referred to as the "Medical IRA".

#### **Retirement Bonus**

After age 65, you may make withdrawals from your HSA for any reason without the 20% penalty imposed before age 65 for non-medical withdrawals. (Note: You'll still have to pay taxes on the money withdrawn.)

# Safety Net

There is no "use it or lose it" provision, so you can build up the savings in your HSA to use for major health events.

#### **Coverage for "Extras"**

You can also use your HSA funds for programs not usually covered by other health plans, including dental, optical, COBRA premiums and much more.

#### Empowerment

Take control of your routine healthcare decisions – you get to choose the healthcare and providers that you want.

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