How Your HSA is Better than your Retirement Plan

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Who can save in an HSA?

HIGH-DEDUCTIBLE HEALTH INSURANCE HEALTH INSURANCE

Who can save in an HSA?

• Must be covered by a High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP)

High Deductible Health Plan =

- \$1,600 annual deductible for individual coverage (2024)
- \$3,200 annual deductible for family coverage (2024)
- Your employer may give you a choice
- Typically, premiums are lower, but.....



Lower deductible with higher premiums OR higher deductible with lower premiums?

Stanford contributes

Employee only \$1,153 annually
\$48 per pay period

Employee + Dependents -

- \$2,352 annually
- \$98 per pay period

 Contributions will go directly into Fidelity HSA Account





How many use their HSA

\$295,000!

The estimated after-tax amount that a retiree couple will spend on healthcare according to a Fidelity study.

Health Savings Accounts (HSA): The Triple Crown of Tax Breaks

1.Pre-tax deposits

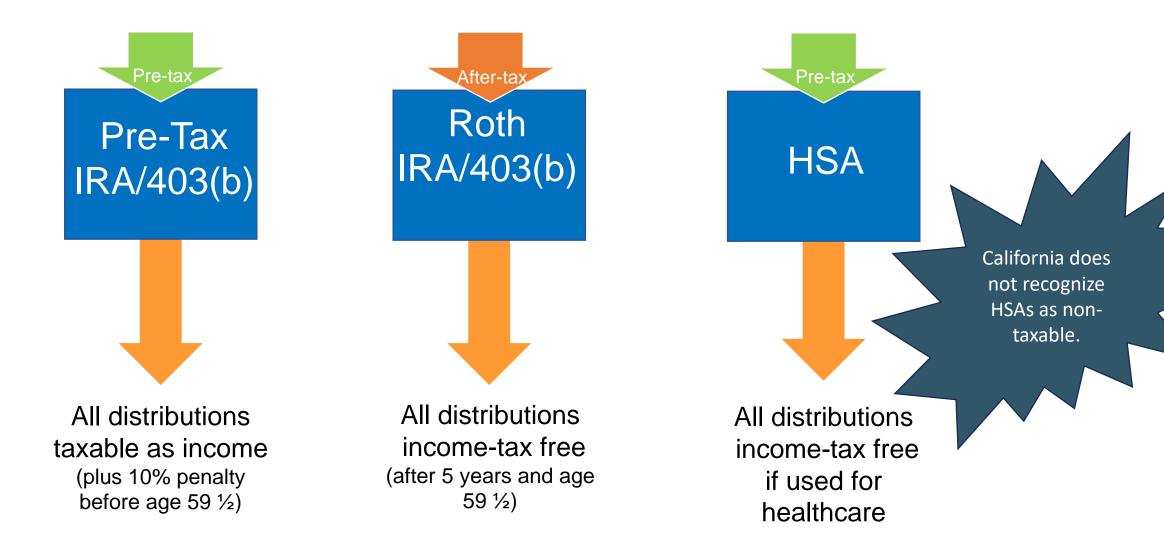
2.Tax-deferred growth

3. Tax-free withdrawals

California does not recognize HSA deferrals or reimbursements as non-taxable.



HSA vs. IRA vs. Roth IRA



Who can't save in an HSA?

Have secondary coverage (non-HDHP)

 Are enrolled in Medicare (any portion), beware of the six-month look back

What can you contribute to an HSA?

- There are savings limits, just like IRAs
- These limits include employer contributions
- Spousal accounts must be separate

2024 HSA Limits	Contribution Limit (you and employer combined)	Additional Catch-up (for each person age 55+)
Single	\$4,150	\$1,000
Family	\$8,300	\$1,000

Contributing to an HSA

Payroll deduction/direct deposit

Lump sum (deposits allowed after year end)



Can seed the account from your IRA

 May make a one-time transfer from IRA to HSA up to one year's contribution

Can only do this once in your life

Who gets the HSA upon death?

 HSA continues to surviving spouse if spouse is named as beneficiary

 If no spouse as beneficiary, the account will no longer be considered an HSA and balance will be taxable to estate or named beneficiary

Where can you open an HSA?

- Stanford offers Fidelity as their HSA provider.
- You may open your own HSA if you wish
- Your contribution limit applies to all accounts in agregate
- No need to move it if you move employers



Investing your HSA

How to invest your HSA

 First, decide how much you wish to keep liquid for today's expenses, typically one year of out of pocket maximum

Then, invest the rest based on your risk tolerance and time horizon

Not comfortable picking?

- Fidelity Freedom Index Funds
 - Pre-built portfolios
 - Allocated based on age
 - Downshifts as you age
 - Low cost index funds

Name 🔺	Morningstar category* 🖨	5 year performance [*] ≑	Net expense ratio† ≑	Gross expense ratio‡ ≑	
FIDELITY FREEDOM INDEX INC INSTL PREM (FFGZX)	Target-Date Retirement	2.97%	0.08%	0.08%	Buy
FIDELITY FREEDOM INDX 2005 INSTL PREM (FFGFX)	Target-Date 2000-2010	3.28%	0.08%	0.08%	Buy
FIDELITY FREEDOM INDX 2010 INSTL PREM (FFWTX)	Target-Date 2000-2010	4.04%	0.08%	0.08%	Buy
FIDELITY FREEDOM INDX 2015 INSTL PREM.(FIWFX)	Target-Date 2015	4.82%	0.08%	0.08%	Buy
FIDELITY FREEDOM INDX 2020 INSTL PREM (FIWTX)	Target-Date 2020	5.53%	0.08%	0.08%	Buy
FIDELITY FREEDOM INDX 2025 INSTL PREM (FFEDX)	Target-Date 2025	6.20%	0.08%	0.08%	Buy
FIDELITY FREEDOM INDX 2030 INSTL PREM (FFEGX)	Target-Date 2030	7.06%	0.08%	0.08%	Buy
FIDELITY FREEDOM INDX 2035 INSTL PREM (FFEZX)	Target-Date 2035	8.45%	0.08%	0.08%	Buy
FIDELITY FREEDOM INDX 2040 INSTL PREM (FFIZX)	Target-Date 2040	9.62%	0.08%	0.08%	Buy
FIDELITY FREEDOM INDX 2045 INSTL PREM (FFOLX)	Target-Date 2045	9.81%	0.08%	0.08%	Buy
FIDELITY FREEDOM INDX 2050 INSTL PREM (FFOPX)	Target-Date 2050	9.81%	0.08%	0.08%	Buy
FIDELITY FREEDOM INDX 2055 INSTL PREM (FFLDX)	Target-Date 2055	9.81%	0.08%	0.08%	Buy
FIDELITY FREEDOM INDX 2060 INSTL PREM (FFLEX)	Target-Date 2060	9.80%	0.08%	0.08%	Buy
FIDELITY FREEDOM INDX 2065 INST PREM.(FFIKX)	Target-Date 2065+		0.08%	0.08%	Buy

When to spend the money

 Can be used for you and your dependents health expenses income tax-free! (except premiums)

Medical expenses

Dental expenses

OTC medicines (thanks to the CARES Act)

COBRA premiums

When to spend the money

 Withdrawals for non-medical expenses before age 65 are taxed and there is an additional 20% penalty!

 Can be used for non-medical expenses after age 65 - but gains will be taxable (taxed like your traditional 401k)



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QUESTIONS & ANSWERS

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