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HEALTH SAVINGS ACCOUNTS



What is a Health Savings Account (HSA)?

A Health Savings Account (HSA) allows you to pay for current health expenses and save for future qualified medical and retiree health expenses on a tax-deferred basis. It works much like an IRA, except the money is intended to be used for qualified medical expenses. In order to qualify for an HSA account, you need to have a qualified High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP).

At NVB, our deposit account for the Health Savings Account features no minimum balance requirements, no fees, and allows you to earn interest!

Why should I own an HSA?

You can save money in the short and long term by:

- Deducting 100% of your HSA contributions from your taxable income
- Having the money in your HSA accrue interest and/or gains on a tax-free basis
- Paying no penalties or taxes when you use your HSA to pay for qualified medical expenses
- Having a high-deductible HSA-eligible health insurance plan, which typically has a lower premium than a plan with a lower deductible

What is a High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP)?

A qualified HDHP is an insurance plan that has a minimum deductible starting in 2010 of \$1,200 annually for individual coverage and \$2,400 minimum for family coverage. Maximum annual out of pocket cannot exceed \$5,950 - individual, \$11,900 - family. Usually plans with co-pays are not eligible. Verify with your insurance provider.

How Do HSAs Provide Such Affordable Healthcare?

Annual contributions reduce taxable income, allowing qualified medical expenses to be tax-free. Money saved in an HSA grows tax-deferred until age 65. After age 65, the funds can continue to be withdrawn tax-free for medical care. Non-medical withdrawals can be made at this point as well. However, your current tax rate applies to funds used for non-medical purposes at the time you withdraw the money. Be sure to consult your tax advisor regarding your particular situation.

How can I contribute?

A deposit of \$50 is needed to open your NVB HSA. Starting in 2010, you can contribute up to \$3,050 for an individual or \$6,150 for a family. Contributions may be made up until your tax filing deadline, typically April 15th.

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What is a Qualified Medical Expense?

You can pay for qualified medical expenses as defined by the IRS, out of your HSA on a pre-tax basis any time.

Qualified Medical Expenses May Include:

- Health insurance plan deductibles, co-payments, and co-insurance
- Prescription and over-the-counter drugs
- Dental services, including braces, bridges, and crowns
- Vision care, including glasses and lasik eye surgery
- Psychiatric and certain psychological treatments
- Long-term care services
- Medically-related transportation and lodging

Note: You must establish an HSA before incurring any expenses or the expenses will not qualify.

Who decides whether it is a “qualified medical expense?”

It is your responsibility to determine whether a medical expense is qualified. Using funds from your HSA for non-qualified medical expenses can result in IRS penalties. Refer to www.irs.gov for more specific guidelines.

IMPORTANT: It is your responsibility to save all documentation (i.e. receipts) supporting all payments that you make out of your HSA. Set up a filing system to maintain these documents should you ever need them. If the IRS ever audits you, it is **solely** up to you to be able to provide this information to them.

Why NVB for your Health Savings Account?

Premium Interest Rates

We offer competitive interest rates on our Health Savings Accounts. We have the benefit of tiered interest rates, allowing you to earn more as you save more. This helps you make the most of your healthcare dollars.

Cost Effective

- No Set-up Fee
- No Annual Fee
- No Monthly Fee
- Minimum Opening Balance: \$50
- Account Closing Fee: \$50 if account is closed and money transferred

Convenience

At NVB, we offer convenient ways of paying for your qualified medical expenses:

1. Present your NVB HSA VISA® Debit Card for payment of services to any healthcare provider who accepts VISA®. The cost of your healthcare services will automatically be deducted from your HSA.
2. Access cash from your account by using your HSA VISA® Debit Card at any NVB ATM.
3. Write a check from your HSA with our special HSA checks - we will pay for your first order! (Quantity of 50)
4. Log on to www.novb.com to access your account and view your transactions and balances.



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Peace of Mind

NVB is a Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) insured financial institution, so the money in your NVB HSA is protected under these regulations.

Customer Service

NVB is one of the premier banks in Northern California. With 24 branches in Northern California, each has a staff of trained professionals that can answer questions you may have on your HSA. In addition, our Customer Resource Center has associates available at 1-866-869-MORE (6673), Monday through Friday, from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., and on Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., to answer your questions.



How to Apply



Step 1:

Determine if you have an HSA-eligible High-Deductible Health Plan (HDHP). If not, complete the necessary forms with your insurance provider.

Step 2:

Complete and sign the Health Savings Account (HSA) Enrollment form. Stop in or mail this form along with your initial opening deposit to the NVB office nearest you.

Once your account is set up, you will receive your HSA debit card along with instructions within 10 days.

Roll Over or Transfer

If you have an existing Health Savings Account with another institution and wish to roll over or transfer your funds to NVB, contact the nearest NVB branch and one of our associates will be happy to assist you.

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