

Eligible Medical Expenses

Eligible medical expenses are defined as those expenses paid for care as described in Section 213(d) of the Internal Revenue Code. Additionally, the IRS has allowed some over-the-counter medications to qualify as eligible medical expenses. This list is for quick reference, however please refer to IRS Publication 502 for more detailed information.

Eligible Medical Expenses

- Abdominal supports
- Abortion
- Acupuncture
- Air conditioner (when necessary for relief from an allergy or for relief from difficulty in breathing)
- Alcoholism treatment
- Ambulance
- Anesthetists
- Arch supports
- Artificial limbs
- Autoette (when used for relief of sickness or disability)
- Birth control pills (by prescription)
- Blood tests
- Blood transfusions
- Braces
- Cardiographs
- Chiropractor
- Christian Science Practitioner
- Contact lenses
- Contraceptive devices (by prescription)
- Convalescent home (for medical treatment only)
- Crutches
- Dental treatment
- Dental x-rays
- Dentures
- Dermatologist
- Diagnostic fees
- Diathermy
- Drug addiction therapy
- Drugs (by prescription)
- Elastic hosiery (by prescription)
- Eyeglasses
- Fees paid to health institution prescribed by a doctor
- FICA and FUTA tax paid for medical care service
- Fluoridation unit
- Guide dog
- Gum treatment
- Gynecologist
- Healing services
- Hearing aid and batteries
- Hospital bills
- Hydrotherapy
- Insulin treatments
- Lab tests
- Lead paint removal
- Legal fees (to authorize treatment for a mental illness)
- Lodging (away from home for outpatient care)
- Metabolism tests
- Neurologist
- Nursing (including board and meals)
- Obstetrician
- Operating room costs
- Ophthalmologist
- Optician
- Oral surgery
- Organ transplant (including donor's expenses)
- Orthopedic shoes
- Orthopedist
- Osteopath
- Oxygen and oxygen equipment
- Pediatrician
- Physician
- Physiotherapist
- Podiatrist
- Postnatal treatments
- Practical nurse for medical services
- Prenatal care
- Prescription medicines
- Psychiatrist
- Psychoanalyst
- Psychologist
- Psychotherapy
- Radium therapy
- Registered nurse
- Special school costs for the handicapped
- Spinal fluid test
- Splints
- Sterilization
- Surgeon
- Telephone or TV equipment to assist the hearing impaired
- Therapy equipment
- Transportation expenses (relative to health care)
- Ultra-violet ray treatment
- Vaccines
- Vasectomy
- Vitamins (by prescription)
- Wheelchair
- X-rays

Ineligible Medical Expenses

- Advance payment for services to be rendered next year
- Athletic club membership
- Automobile insurance premium allocable to medical coverage
- Boarding school fees
- Bottled water
- Commuting expenses of a disabled person
- Cosmetic surgery and procedures
- Cosmetics, hygiene products and similar items
- Diaper service
- Domestic help
- Funeral, cremation or burial expenses
- Health programs offered by resort hotels, health clubs, and gyms
- Illegal operations and treatments
- Illegally procured drugs
- Maternity clothes
- Non-prescription medication
- Premiums for life insurance
- Protection, disability, loss of limbs, sight or similar benefits
- Scientology counseling
- Social activities
- Special foods or beverages
- Specially designed care for handicapped other than autoette or special equipment
- Stop-smoking programs
- Swimming pool
- Travel for general health improvement
- Tuition and travel expenses for sending a problem child to a particular school
- Weight-loss programs

Beginning January 1, 2011, expenses for certain over-the-counter items will no longer qualify for reimbursements from your Health Savings Account without a doctor's prescription. For a full list, review IRS Publication 502 at www.IRS.gov.

Health Insurance Exceptions

YOU MAY NOT PURCHASE HEALTH INSURANCE WITH HSA FUNDS EXCEPT FOR THE THREE EXCEPTIONS NOTED BELOW:

1. A health plan during any period of continuation coverage required under any federal law.
2. A qualified long-term care insurance contract.
3. A health plan during a period in which the individual is receiving unemployment compensation under any federal or state law.



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