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Qualified HSA Funding Distribution (QHFD)

Learn how to make a one-time, penalty and tax-free rollover from your IRA to your HSA!

You are only eligible for this one-time rollover if you can contribute to an HSA plan. - In other words, you need to be covered under a high-deductible health plan (HDHP).

How to determine if you are enrolled in an HSA-eligible health plan (2023 Figures):

- Your health plan's annual maximum out-of-pocket expense* must be less than \$7,500 for self-only coverage or less than \$15,000 for family coverage.

- Your health plan's minimum deductible must be greater than \$1,500 for self-only coverage or greater than \$3,000 for family coverage.

*Premiums do not count as out-of-pocket costs, but deductibles, copayments, and coinsurance do.

Other details to note:

- If your health plan pays for other services, such as doctor visits or prescription drugs before you meet the deductible, your plan is not HSA-qualified.

- You cannot be claimed as a dependent on another individual's tax return.
- You cannot be enrolled in Medicare and contribute to an HSA.

Rollover information:

- Maximum amount of the rollover is limited to the amount of that year's contribution limit.

- The 2023 annual contribution limit for an HSA account (employer + employee) is \$3,850 for a self-only coverage and \$7,750 for family coverage.

- If you are age 55 or older, you are eligible for an additional \$1,000 in catch-up contributions.

- The rollover reduces the taxpayer's HSA available contribution for the given tax year.

- For example, if an individual's annual HSA limit was \$3,850 and a rollover of \$3,850 was completed, the account owner cannot make any additional contributions to their HSA for that year (employer or employee).

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Ideal situation to maximize rollover amount:

- Account holder has family coverage and is age 55 or older (\$8,750 contribution limit for 2023).

- If the spouse of the HSA account holder is age 55 or older, they could also perform a

\$1,000 rollover from their own IRA to their spouse's HSA (Maximum rollover of \$9,750).

Important details to note:

- You cannot rollover directly from a 401(k) account, but you can rollover 401(k) funds into an IRA, then roll these funds into your HSA.

- If the rollover is performed less than 12 months before joining Medicare, the enrollment will automatically disqualify HSA contributions and the testing period will fail.

- The rollover must be a direct trustee-to-trustee transfer. Indirect transfers do not qualify.

- Owners of an HSA account <u>do not</u> have to pay tax on withdrawal for qualified medical expenses. (A tax which would have to be paid if the funds stayed in the IRA and were withdrawn)

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