2022 HSA & HDHP LIMITS

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HSA/HDHP Limits Increase for 2022

On May 10, 2021, the IRS released <u>Revenue Procedure 2021-25</u> to provide the inflation-adjusted limits for health savings accounts (HSAs) and high deductible health plans (HDHPs) for 2022. The IRS is required to publish these limits by June 1 of each year.

These limits include:

- The maximum HSA contribution limit;
- The minimum deductible amount for HDHPs; and
- The maximum out-of-pocket expense limit for HDHPs.

These limits vary based on whether an individual has self-only or family coverage under an HDHP.

Eligible individuals with self-only HDHP coverage will be able to contribute \$3,650 to their HSAs for 2022, up from \$3,600 for 2021. Eligible individuals with family HDHP coverage will be able to contribute \$7,300 to their HSAs for 2022, up from \$7,200 for 2021. Individuals who are age 55 or older are permitted to make an additional \$1,000 "catch-up" contribution to their HSAs.

The minimum deductible amount for HDHPs remains the same for 2022 plan years (\$1,400 for self-only coverage and \$2,800 for family coverage). However, the HDHP maximum out-of-pocket expense limit increases to \$7,050 for self-only coverage and \$14,100 for family coverage.

Action Steps

Employers that sponsor HDHPs should review their plan's cost-sharing limits (minimum deductibles and maximum out-of-pocket expense limit) when preparing for the plan year beginning in 2022. Also, employers that allow employees to make pre-tax HSA contributions should update their plan communications for the increased contribution limits.

Highlights

- Each year, the IRS announces inflation-adjusted limits for HSAs and HDHPs.
- By law, the IRS is required to announce these limits by June 1 of each year.
- The adjusted contribution limits for HSAs take effect as of Jan. 1, 2022.
- The adjusted HDHP cost-sharing limits take effect for the plan year beginning on or after Jan. 1, 2022.

Important Dates

January 1, 2022

The new contribution limits for HSAs become effective.

2022 Plan Years

The HDHP cost-sharing limits for 2022 apply for plan years beginning on or after Jan. 1, 2022.





HSA/HDHP Limits

The following chart shows the HSA and HDHP limits for 2022 as compared to 2021. It also includes the catch-up contribution limit that applies to HSA-eligible individuals who are age 55 or older, which is not adjusted for inflation and stays the same from year to year.

Type of Limit		2021	2022	Change
HSA Contribution Limit	Self-only	\$3,600	\$3,650	Up \$50
	Family	\$7,200	\$7,300	Up \$100
HSA Catch-up Contributions (not subject to adjustment for inflation)	Age 55 or older	\$1,000	\$1,000	No change
HDHP Minimum Deductible	Self-only	\$1,400	\$1,400	No change
	Family	\$2,800	\$2,800	No change
HDHP Maximum Out-of-pocket Expense Limit (deductibles, copayments and other amounts, but not premiums)	Self-only	\$7,000	\$7,050	Up \$50
	Family	\$14,000	\$14,100	Up \$100

Out-of-Pocket Maximum non HDHP

Separately, the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) also released its annual limits on cost-sharing for 2022, as required by the Affordable Care Act (ACA). For 2022, the out-of-pocket maximum on essential health benefits (EHB) is \$8,700 for self-only coverage and \$17,400 for family coverage. Please note this is different than the out-of-pocket maximum for High Deductible Health Plans