



Technical Update

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2017 HSA Contribution Limits Released by IRS

The IRS has announced the 2017 Health Savings Account (HSA) contribution limits. The self-only limit increased by \$50 from 2016 while the family limit remained unchanged. The IRS also provided the minimum deductible and maximum out-of-pocket expenses for the high deductible health plans (HDHPs) that function with HSAs. The rates take into account inflation and cost-of-living adjustments, as well as rounding rules under Internal Revenue Code Section 223.

Contributions and Out-of-Pocket Limits for Health Savings Accounts and High Deductible Health Plans			
	For 2016	For 2017	Change
HSA contribution limit (employer + employee)	Self-only: \$3,350 Family: \$6,750	Self-only: \$3,400 Family: \$6,750	Self-only: +\$50 Family: no change
HSA catch-up contributions (age 55 or older)*	\$1,000	\$1,000	No change**
HDHP minimum deductibles	Self-only: \$1,300 Family: \$2,600	Self-only: \$1,300 Family: \$2,600	Self-only: no change Family: no change
HDHP maximum out-of-pocket amounts (deductibles, copays and other amounts, but not premiums)	Self-only: \$6,550 Family: \$13,100	Self-only: \$6,550 Family: \$13,100	Self-only: no change Family: no change
* Catch-up contributions can be made any time during the year in which the HSA participant turns 55. ** Unlike other limits, the HSA catch-up contribution amount is not indexed; any increase would require statutory change.			

HSAs are always set up under an individual's name and are never held jointly. When the HSA is linked to a family or an employee plus one HDHP, the HSA is subject to the higher family coverage contribution limit. The IRS has not established an "employee plus one" category for contribution limits.

What This Means for Counties

For 2017, the individual IRS contribution limit for HSAs increased by \$50 while the family limit remained unchanged. An individual enrolled in "employee plus one" coverage will be subject to the family contribution limit. The County Health Pool will provide updates regarding IRS contribution limits for upcoming years.

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