

# Gain control with a health savings account

Your BlueSolutions plan gives you access to a health savings account (HSA) that gives you more control over the money you spend on doctors, drugs, and tests.

It's a little like a retirement account for medical expenses. When you put money into your HSA, you get a triple tax advantage:

- The money you put in may reduce your taxable income
- Interest you earn in an HSA is tax-free
- The money isn't taxed when you spend it on qualified medical expenses

You can let the money in your HSA roll over, so you can use it next year or even in retirement. You never lose it.



\*This example is for illustrative purposes only and does not represent actual tax impact.

## How to access your HSA

- Log in to your **myBCBSRI** account.
- Click **YOUR HSA** in the left-hand tool bar.
- Explore HSA tools and resources online
  - View your account
  - Pay bills and submit claims
  - Calculate your savings

### **BlueSolutions Spending mobile app**

Manage your HSA account on the go:

- Download the app from the Apple<sup>®</sup> App Store or Google Play<sup>®</sup>.\*
- 2. Open the app from your phone.
- Click on the "sign up" link and follow the prompts.

App Store



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## Learn about eligible/ineligible expenses\*

Funds you withdraw from your HSA are tax-free when used to pay for qualified medical expenses. The expenses must be primarily to alleviate or prevent a physical or mental disability or illness. A complete list and discussion of these expenses is available on the IRS website. The IRS may modify this list at any time.

#### **Eligible**

Acupuncture Ambulance Birth control pills Braces Cancer treatment Chemical dependency Childbirth/delivery Chiropractor Contact lenses Deductibles Dental treatment	Eyeglasses Eye surgery Hearing aids Hospital services Insulin treatment Laboratory fees Long-term care Machine tests Medicare Part D premiums Menstrual products Mental health	Non-prescription medicines, like cold and flu pills Nursing home Optometrist Prescription drugs Psychiatric care Psychologist Smoking cessation programs Surgeon fees Transplants Transportation for healthcare Vision expenses
Dental treatment Diagnostic tests Durable medical equipment	Mental health Neurologist	Transportation for healthcare Vision expenses X-ray fees

#### Ineligible

Cosmetic surgery	Health club dues	Tee
Deodorant	Medicated shampoo and soap	Tiss
Electrolysis hair removal	Multivitamins	Toil
Funeral expenses	Soap	

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\* This list is for illustrative purposes and is not a complete list of qualified medical expenses. All items on the list may be subject to further limitations. Consult your tax advisor for specific tax advice. Please see IRS Publication 502 for a more detailed listing of qualified medical expenses.

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