

## **Medicare and your HSA**

Your TIAA HSA administered by HealthEquity can be a crucial part of your retirement strategy. Once you turn 65 and become Medicare-eligible, there are a few important rules to keep in mind about your HSA.

## Contributing to an HSA after reaching age 65



## Medicare eligibility:

Once you turn 65 and meet the requirements to qualify for Medicare Part A, you become Medicare-eligible. As long as you do not enroll in Medicare, you can still contribute to your HSA.

## Medicare enrollment:

You become enrolled in Medicare by applying or being approved automatically. If you begin receiving Social Security payments prior to age 65, you will be automatically enrolled in Medicare when you turn 65. Once you are enrolled in any part of Medicare, you are no longer eligible to contribute to an HSA and must pro-rate your HSA contributions for the year you become enrolled.

## Using your HSA after turning 65

You can always use your HSA funds to pay for qualified medical expenses, no matter your age or Medicare status.



## Spending HSA funds on non medical expenses



Once you reach age 65, you can spend your HSA funds, penalty-free, on anything you want. You'll just need to pay income taxes for spending on non-qualified expenses like you would with a 401(k)/403(b).<sup>1</sup>

## For more information about Medicare: medicare.gov | 1-800-MEDICARE

## Value of the TIAA HSA administered by HealthEquity





## **Call today:**

HealthEquity account mentors are available 24/7, to help you understand and get the most out of your health savings account.

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<sup>1</sup>After age 65, if you withdraw funds for any purpose other than qualified medical expenses, you will be subject to income taxes, but there is no tax penalty after the age of 65. Funds withdrawn for qualified medical expenses will remain tax-free.

HSAs are never taxed at a federal income tax level when used for qualified medical expenses. Federal, state, and local tax treatment of HSAs and distributions may vary.

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