



## IRS Releases 2019 Health Savings Account and High Deductible Health Plan Limits

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The IRS recently released [Revenue Procedure 2018-30](#), which includes the 2019 inflation-adjusted amounts for health savings accounts (HSAs) and high deductible health plans (HDHPs). 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. The IRS limits for HSA contributions and HDHP maximum out-of-pocket limits will increase effective January 1, 2019, while the HDHP limits will increase effective for plan years beginning on or after January 1, 2019.

The HSA annual contribution limit for an individual with self-only HDHP coverage will increase by \$50 to \$3,500 for 2019. The annual contribution limit for an individual with family HDHP coverage will increase by \$100 to \$7,000.

With respect to HSA-compatible HDHPs, the minimum required deductibles will remain unchanged at \$1,350 for self-only coverage and \$2,700 for family coverage. (The deductible does not apply to certain preventive care services.) The 2019 maximum out-of-pocket expense limit will increase to \$6,750 for self-only coverage and to \$13,500 for family coverage.

The following table compares the 2018 and 2019 limits. 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	2018		2019	
	Self-Only	Family	Self-Only	Family
• HSA Maximum Contribution	\$3,450	\$6,900*	\$3,500	\$7,000
• HSA Maximum “Catch-up” Contribution (individuals age 55 or older)	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
• HDHP Minimum Deductible	\$1,350	\$2,700	\$1,350	\$2,700
• HDHP Maximum Out-of-Pocket Expense	\$6,650	\$13,300	\$6,750	\$13,500

\* The IRS reduced this amount to \$6,850 after the start of the year but has since issued guidance that plan sponsors may rely on the original \$6,900 limit.

### Action steps

Because the cost-sharing limits for HDHPs will change for 2019, employers that sponsor these plans may need to make plan design changes for plan years beginning in 2019. Also, employers will need to update enrollment materials to reflect the increased limits that apply for 2019.

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