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MEMORANDUM FOR CHIEF HUMAN CAPITAL OFFICERS

FROM: LINDA M. SPRINGER 
DIRECTOR

Subject: Federal Credit Unions and Health Savings Accounts
for Federal Employees

Last fall, the Office of Personnel Management asked for your assistance in encouraging Federal credit unions to establish Health Savings Accounts (HSAs) for Federal employees. During the 2004 Federal Employees Health Benefits (FEHB) Program Open Season, employees were able to enroll in a high deductible health plan with an HSA for the first time. While FEHB plans are required to offer Treasury-approved financial custodians for their HSA accounts, some employees may want to transfer their HSAs to their local Federal credit unions. Therefore, we are again asking that you encourage agency credit unions to offer HSA accounts.

The Treasury Department has advised that insured credit unions are automatically qualified to handle HSAs. Federal credit unions can simply modify their existing Individual Retirement Account enrollment forms to establish and administer HSAs, or use the attached model Internal Revenue Service (IRS) forms to set up HSA accounts. The model IRS forms are available directly from the Treasury website:
<http://www.treas.gov/offices/public-affairs/hsa/forms/>.

Health Savings Accounts represent an important feature of President Bush's plan to make health care more affordable and give families greater access to good coverage with more control over their health decisions. Please feel free to refer your agency credit union representatives to our web site, www.opm.gov/hsa. We also ask that you share a copy of this memorandum and the attachments so they can accommodate Federal employees. It is important that Federal credit unions are aware that many Federal employees may want to open HSAs or transfer HSA fund balances to their Federal credit union accounts.

Your assistance is sincerely appreciated.

Attachments

cc: Human Resources Directors
National Credit Union Administration

Health Savings Custodial Account
(Under section 223(a) of the Internal Revenue Code)

Do not file
with the Internal
Revenue Service

Name of account owner	Date of birth of account owner	Identifying number (see instructions)
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Address of account owner (Street address, city, state, zip code)

Name of custodian	Address or principal place of business of custodian
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The account owner named above is establishing this health savings account (HSA) exclusively for the purpose of paying or reimbursing qualified medical expenses of the account owner, his or her spouse, and dependents. The account owner represents that, unless this account is used solely to make rollover contributions, he or she is eligible to contribute to this HSA; specifically, that he or she: (1) is covered under a high deductible health plan (HDHP); (2) is not also covered by any other health plan that is not an HDHP (with certain exceptions for plans providing preventive care and limited types of permitted insurance and permitted coverage); (3) is not enrolled in Medicare; and (4) cannot be claimed as a dependent on another person's tax return.

\$ dollars in cash is assigned to this custodial account.

The account owner and the custodian make the following agreement:

Article I

1. The custodian will accept additional cash contributions for the tax year made by the account owner or on behalf of the account owner (by an employer, family member or any other person). No contributions will be accepted by the custodian for any account owner that exceeds the maximum amount for family coverage plus the catch-up contribution.
2. Contributions for any tax year may be made at any time before the deadline for filing the account owner's federal income tax return for that year (without extensions).
3. Rollover contributions from an HSA or an Archer Medical Savings Account (Archer MSA) (unless prohibited under this agreement) need not be in cash and are not subject to the maximum annual contribution limit set forth in Article II.

Article II

1. For calendar year 2004, the maximum annual contribution limit for an account owner with single coverage is the lesser of the amount of the deductible under the HDHP but not more than \$2,600. For calendar year 2004, the maximum annual contribution limit for an account owner with family coverage is the lesser of the amount of the deductible under the HDHP but not more than \$5,150. These limits are subject to cost-of-living adjustments after 2004. Eligibility and contribution limits are determined on a month-to-month basis.
2. Contributions to Archer MSAs or other HSAs count toward the maximum annual contribution limit to this HSA.
3. For calendar year 2004, an additional \$500 catch-up contribution may be made for an account owner who is at least age 55 or older and not enrolled in Medicare. The catch-up contribution increases to \$600 in 2005, \$700 in 2006, \$800 in 2007, \$900 in 2008, and \$1,000 in 2009 and later years.
4. Contributions in excess of the maximum annual contribution limit are subject to an excise tax. However, the catch-up contributions are not subject to an excise tax.

Article III

It is the responsibility of the account owner to determine whether contributions to this HSA have exceeded the maximum annual contribution limit described in Article II. If contributions to this HSA exceed the maximum annual contribution limit, the account owner shall notify the custodian that there exist excess contributions to the HSA. It is the responsibility of the account owner to request the withdrawal of the excess contribution and any net income attributable to such excess contribution.

Article IV

The account owner's interest in the balance in this custodial account is nonforfeitable.

Article V

1. No part of the custodial funds in this account may be invested in life insurance contracts or in collectibles as defined in section 408(m).
2. The assets of this account may not be commingled with other property except in a common trust fund or common investment fund.
3. Neither the account owner nor the custodian will engage in any prohibited transaction with respect to this account (such as borrowing or pledging the account or engaging in any other prohibited transaction as defined in section 4975).

Article VI

1. Distributions of funds from this HSA may be made upon the direction of the account owner.
2. Distributions from this HSA that are used exclusively to pay or reimburse qualified medical expenses of the account owner, his or her spouse, or dependents are tax-free. However, distributions that are not used for qualified medical expenses are included in the account owner's gross income and are subject to an additional 10 percent tax on that amount. The additional 10 percent tax does not apply if the distribution is made after the account owner's death, disability, or reaching age 65.
3. The custodian is not required to determine whether the distribution is for the payment or reimbursement of qualified medical expenses. Only the account owner is responsible for substantiating that the distribution is for qualified medical expenses and must maintain records sufficient to show, if required, that the distribution is tax-free.

Article VII

If the account owner dies before the entire interest in the account is distributed, the entire account will be disposed of as follows:

1. If the beneficiary is the account owner's spouse, the HSA will become the spouse's HSA as of the date of death.
2. If the beneficiary is not the account owner's spouse, the HSA will cease to be an HSA as of the date of death. If the beneficiary is the account owner's estate, the fair market value of the account as of the date of death is taxable on the account owner's final return. For other beneficiaries, the fair market value of the account is taxable to that person in the tax year that includes such date.

Article VIII

1. The account owner agrees to provide the custodian with information necessary for the custodian to prepare any report or return required by the IRS.
2. The custodian agrees to prepare and submit any report or return as prescribed by the IRS.

Article IX

Notwithstanding any other article that may be added or incorporated in this agreement, the provisions of Articles I through VIII and this sentence are controlling. Any additional article in this agreement that is inconsistent with section 223 or IRS published guidance will be void.

Article X

This agreement will be amended from time to time to comply with the provisions of the Code or IRS published guidance. Other amendments may be made with the consent of the persons whose signatures appear below.

Article XI

Article XI may be used for any additional provisions. If no other provisions will be added, draw a line through this space. If provisions are added, they must comply with the requirements of Article IX.

Account owner's signature Date

Custodian's signature Date

Witness' signature

(Use only if signature of account owner or custodian is required to be witnessed.)

General Instructions

Section references are to the Internal Revenue Code.

Purpose of Form

Form 5305-C is a model custodial account agreement that has been approved by the IRS. An HSA is established after the form is fully executed by both the account owner and the custodian. The form can be completed at any time during the tax year. This account must be created in the United States for the exclusive benefit of the account owner.

Do not file Form 5305-C with the IRS. Instead, keep it with your records. For more information on HSAs, see Notice 2004-2, 2004-2 I.R.B. 269, Notice 2004-50, 2004-33 I.R.B. 196, Publication 969, and other IRS published guidance.

Definitions

Identifying Number. The account owner's social security number will serve as the identification number of this HSA. For married persons, each spouse who is eligible to open an HSA and wants to contribute to an HSA must establish his or her own account. An employer identification number (EIN) is required for an HSA for which a return is filed to report unrelated business taxable income. An EIN is also required for a common fund created for HSAs.

High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP). For calendar year 2004, an HDHP for self-only coverage has a minimum annual deductible of \$1,000 and an annual out-of-pocket maximum (deductibles, co-payments and other amounts, but not premiums) of \$5,000. For calendar year 2004, an HDHP for family coverage has a minimum annual deductible of \$2,000 and an annual out-of-pocket maximum of \$10,000. These limits are subject to cost-of-living adjustments after 2004.

Self-only coverage and family coverage under an HDHP. Family coverage means coverage that is not self-only coverage.

Qualified medical expenses. Qualified medical expenses are amounts paid for medical care as defined in section 213(d) for the account owner, his or her spouse, or dependents (as defined in section 152) but only to the extent that such amounts are not compensated for by insurance or otherwise. With certain exceptions, health insurance premiums are not qualified medical expenses. See Notice 2004-25, 2004-15 I.R.B. 727 for transition relief for distributions for qualified medical expenses incurred in calendar year 2004.

Custodian. A custodian of an HSA must be a bank, an insurance company, a person previously approved by the IRS to be a custodian of an individual retirement account (IRA) or Archer MSA, or any other person approved by the IRS.

Specific Instructions

Article XI. Article XI and any that follow it may incorporate additional provisions that are agreed to by the account owner and custodian. The additional provisions may include, for example, definitions, restrictions on rollover contributions from HSAs or Archer MSAs (requiring a rollover not later than 60 days after receipt of a distribution and limited to one rollover during a one-year period), investment powers, voting rights, exculpatory provisions, amendment and termination, removal of custodian, custodian's fees, state law requirements, treatment of excess contributions, distribution procedures (including frequency or minimum dollar amount), use of debit, credit, or stored-value cards, return of mistaken distributions, and descriptions of prohibited transactions. Attach additional pages if necessary.



Health Savings Trust Account
(Under section 223(a) of the Internal Revenue Code)

Do not file
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Revenue Service

Name of account owner (grantor)	Date of birth of account owner	Identifying number (see instructions)
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Address of account owner (Street address, city, state, zip code)

Name of trustee	Address or principal place of business of trustee
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\$ dollars in cash is assigned to this trust account.

The account owner and the trustee make the following agreement:

Article I

1. The trustee will accept additional cash contributions for the tax year made by the account owner or on behalf of the account owner (by an employer, family member or any other person). No contributions will be accepted by the trustee for any account owner that exceeds the maximum amount for family coverage plus the catch-up contribution.
2. Contributions for any tax year may be made at any time before the deadline for filing the account owner's federal income tax return for that year (without extensions).
3. Rollover contributions from an HSA or an Archer Medical Savings Account (Archer MSA) (unless prohibited under this agreement) need not be in cash and are not subject to the maximum annual contribution limit set forth in Article II.

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1. For calendar year 2004, the maximum annual contribution limit for an account owner with single coverage is the lesser of the amount of the deductible under the HDHP but not more than \$2,600. For calendar year 2004, the maximum annual contribution limit for an account owner with family coverage is the lesser of the amount of the deductible under the HDHP but not more than \$5,150. These limits are subject to cost-of-living adjustments after 2004. Eligibility and contribution limits are determined on a month-to-month basis.
2. Contributions to Archer MSAs or other HSAs count toward the maximum annual contribution limit to this HSA.
3. For calendar year 2004, an additional \$500 catch-up contribution may be made for an account owner who is at least age 55 or older and not enrolled in Medicare. The catch-up contribution increases to \$600 in 2005, \$700 in 2006, \$800 in 2007, \$900 in 2008, and \$1,000 in 2009 and later years.
4. Contributions in excess of the maximum annual contribution limit are subject to an excise tax. However, the catch-up contributions are not subject to an excise tax.

Article III

It is the responsibility of the account owner to determine whether contributions to this HSA have exceeded the maximum annual contribution limit described in Article II. If contributions to this HSA exceed the maximum annual contribution limit, the account owner shall notify the trustee that there exist excess contributions to the HSA. It is the responsibility of the account owner to request the withdrawal of the excess contribution and any net income attributable to such excess contribution.

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1. No part of the trust funds in this account may be invested in life insurance contracts or in collectibles as defined in section 408(m).
2. The assets of this account may not be commingled with other property except in a common trust fund or common investment fund.
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Account owner's signature Date

Trustee's signature Date

Witness' signature

(Use only if signature of account owner or trustee is required to be witnessed.)

General Instructions

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Purpose of Form

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Do not file Form 5305-B with the IRS. Instead, keep it with your records. For more information on HSAs, see Notice 2004-2, 2004-2 I.R.B. 269, Notice 2004-50, 2004-33 I.R.B. 196, Publication 969, and other IRS published guidance.

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Trustee. A trustee of an HSA must be a bank, an insurance company, a person previously approved by the IRS to be a trustee of an individual retirement account (IRA) or Archer MSA, or any other person approved by the IRS.

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