

# Health Spending Account

## Overview of Eligible Expenses - what can I claim for?

Eligible expenses for your Health Spending Account (HSA) fall into four categories: Prescription Drugs, Vision Care, Dental, and Health. Expenses can be from inside or outside Canada.

An exhaustive listing of eligible expenses can be found on the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) website. Go to: <a href="www.cra-arc.gc.ca">www.cra-arc.gc.ca</a> and search for "Medical Expense Tax Credits". Use the most current version of the publication #IT519 (Medical Expense and Disability Tax Credits and Attendant Care Expense Deduction).

Below are general guidelines on what is an eligible expense.

# **Prescription Drugs**

- All Drugs and medications prescribed by a licensed medical practitioner and dispensed by a pharmacist. These items will have a DIN number.
- · Insulin treatments and Injection fees.
- Over-the-counter items are NOT eligible (E.g. vitamins and Naturopath remedies).

#### Vision Care

- Prescription vision wear including: eyeglasses, sunglasses, and contacts.
- Services performed by an: Ophthalmologist, Optometrist, and Optician. This includes eye exams and laser eye surgery.
- Over-the-counter items are NOT eligible (E.g. contact solution and generic reading glasses).

#### Dental

- All dental and orthodontic services. Must be performed by licensed practitioners and include preventative, diagnostic and restorative care.
- Teeth whitening (bleaching) services and materials (home kits) are NOT eligible as they are
  considered "Cosmetic" and non essential. If whitening is required as a result of a medical condition
  or considered "medically necessary" for psychological reasons, a doctor's note will be required and
  the expense will be accepted.



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# Health - Practitioners, Services, and Treatments

- Any service performed by a qualified medical practitioner (as specified by the CRA), authorized to practice in their province (or country if outside of Canada).
- Services from the following practitioners:

**Podiatrist** Acupuncturist Neurologist Obstetrician **Psychiatrist** Chiropractor Chiropodist Oculist Psychoanalyst Cosmetic Surgeon Orthopedist **Psychologist** (conditions apply) Osteopath Registered Nurse Dermatologist Paediatrician Speech Therapist

Gynaecologist Physician Surgeon Naturopath Physiotherapist Therapist

· Hospital Services:

Anesthetist Vaccines Use of operating room
Oxygen Masks / Tents Hospital bills X-Ray Technician

Prescribed Medical Treatments:

Audiology Hydrotherapy Therapy

Blood transfusion Injections Registered Nurse

Bone Marrow Insulin treatments Speech
Transplant Organ Transplant Pathology

Diathermy Nursing Physiotherapy Ultra-violet ray treatments

Electric shock treatments Pre-/post-natal treatments Whirlpool baths
Healing services Radium X-Ray treatments

## Health - Devices, Supplies and Equipment

Artificial eyes Diabetic pumps Orthopaedic shoes

Artificial limbs / Prosthesis Hernia truss Syringes

**Heart Monitors** 

Blood glucose meter Hospital beds for home SIDS Baby Monitors

Brace for limb Visually impaired aids Spinal brace Catheters, etc. Hearing impaired aids Wheelchair

Colostomy pads Speech impaired aids Wigs (medical reasons)

Crutches Oxygen Tent



Osteogenesis Stimulator

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Artificial kidney machine

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#### Health - Other

- A range of devices designed to aid individuals with various impairments.
- Full-time attendant or full-time care in a nursing home of a patient who has a prolonged mental or physical impairment. Must be certified by a medical practitioner.
- Specially trained animals to assist blind, deaf or severely impaired persons, including the cost of its care and maintenance
- Transportation costs to hospital, clinic or doctor's office to obtain services not otherwise available
- Homemaker service (convalescing or disability reasons)
- Home care (attendant must be a non-relative)
- Reasonable costs for adapting a residence to accommodate a disabled person (ex. Wheelchair ramp, lifts, bath facilities)
- Ambulance charges
- Rehabilitative therapy
- Lip reading
- Sign language training
- Transportation, meals and accommodations (reasonable expenses for meals, accommodation and travel costs for a patient and an accompanying attendant may be deductible if: equivalent medical services are not available locally, the route traveled is reasonably direct and medical treatment is reasonable and distance traveled is at least 80 km)
- Educational and learning assistance for individuals with a diagnosed learning disability.
- Sleep Apnea (E.g. CPAP machines and supplies)



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