# HOW HSAs CAN HELP PARTICIPANTS TACKLE RETIREMENT HEALTHCARE COSTS

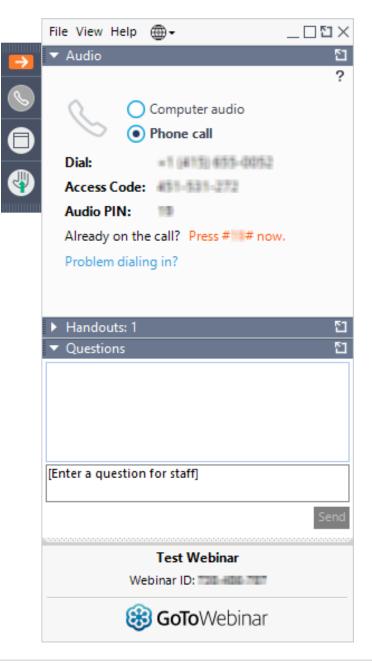
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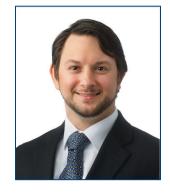
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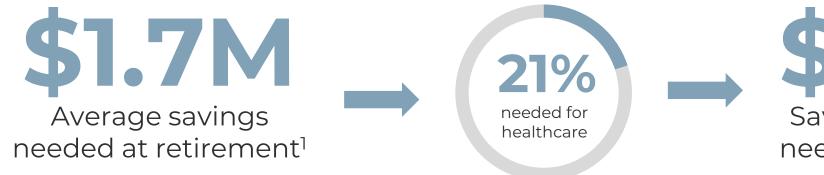
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# **Poll Question**



# Healthcare Costs Are One of Consumers' Largest Expenses in Retirement



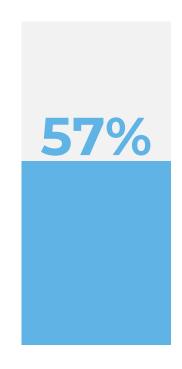
\$361K

Savings couple may need in retirement to cover healthcare expenses (2021)<sup>2</sup>

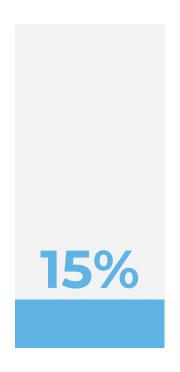
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Charles Schwab

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Employee Benefit Research Institute

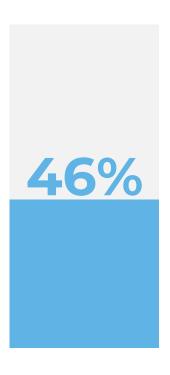
# Many Consumers Underestimate Healthcare Costs in Retirement



of Baby Boomer and Gen X households are on track to **retire comfortably** 



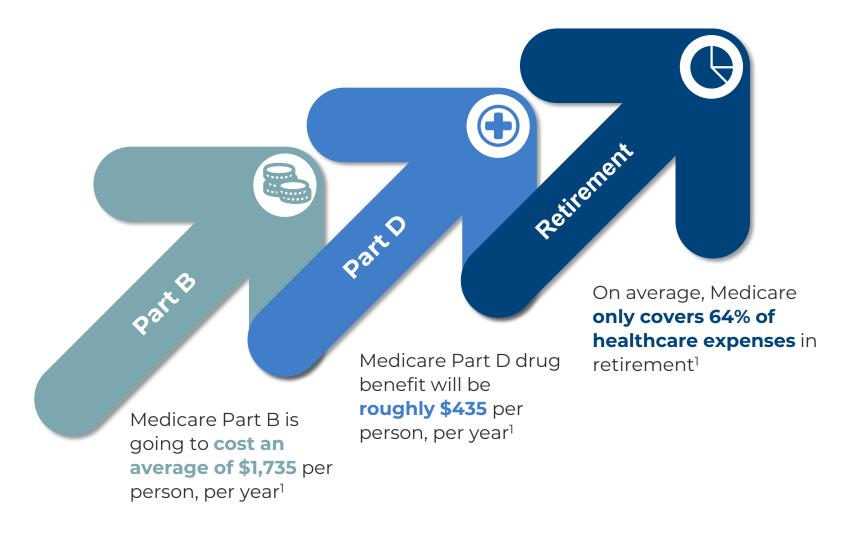
of **pre-retirees** say they have estimated how much money they would need to cover healthcare costs in retirement<sup>1</sup>



of consumers believe they will need less than \$100k

<sup>1</sup>Alegeus consumer survey

# **Medicare Costs Are Increasing**



<sup>1</sup>Employee Benefit Research Institute

# **HSAs Are One of the Most Efficient Savings Vehicles for Retirement**

There are many possible retirement savings vehicles, each with distinct features and benefits, but **Health Savings Accounts (HSAs) offer the greatest tax benefits**.

	Tax-Free Contributions	Tax-Free Earnings	Tax-Free Distributions
HSA			
401(k)		<b>/</b>	
403(b)	<b>~</b>	<b>/</b>	
Traditional IRA			
Roth IRA		<b>/</b>	<b>~</b>

### **HSA Quick Facts**

- Must be enrolled in a qualifying high-deductible health plan (HDHP) to be eligible
  - \$1,500 minimum deductible for single coverage
  - \$3,000 minimum deductible for family coverage
- 2023 annual contribution limits (employee and employer)
  - \$3,850 for single
  - \$7,750 for family
- Individuals over 55 can make an additional \$1,000 catch-up contribution

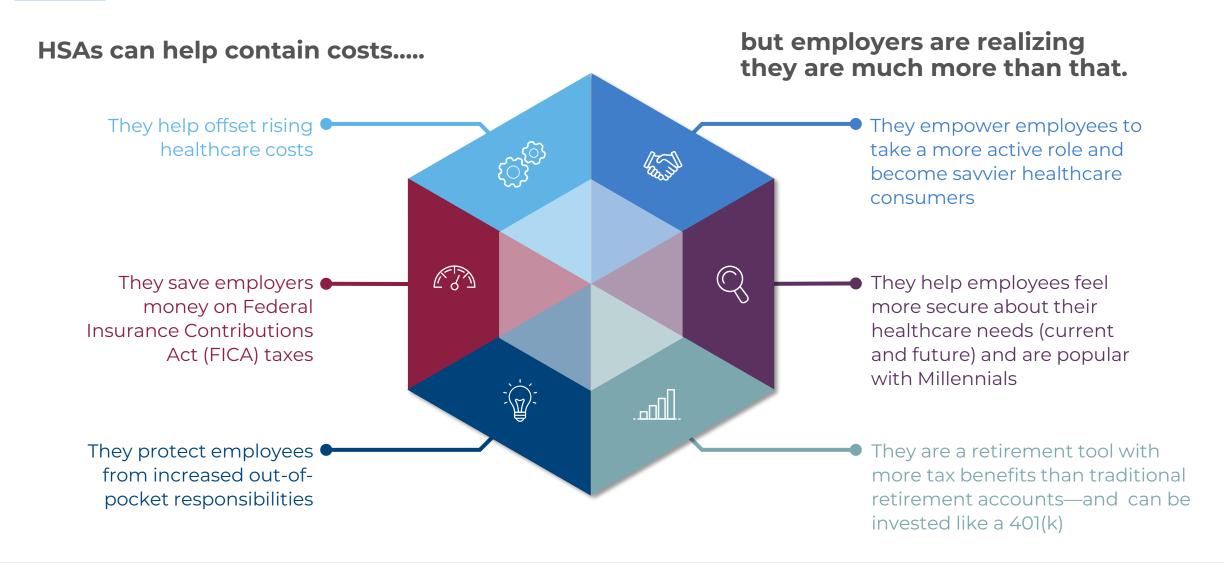
- Triple tax advantage
- Funds can be used at any time without penalty or tax for qualified healthcare expenses
- Funds roll over from year to year
- Funds can be invested
- Funds can be used for non-medical expenses without penalty after age 65 (funds taxed like an IRA)



### **Differences Between FSAs and HSAs**

	Flexible Spending Account (FSA)	Health Savings Account (HSA)
Availability	Any medical plan	Only with HDHP
Tax-free contributions	Yes	Yes
Employer contributions allowed	Yes	Yes
Funds available on first day of plan year	Yes	No *Some providers may offer advance HSA funding options
Unused funds can carry over	Yes, up to \$550	Yes
Funds belong to employee if they leave or retire	No	Yes
Funds can be invested for growth (like a 401(k))	No	Yes
Employees can change their election at any time during the plan year	No	Yes

# **How Employers Are Thinking About HSAs**



# **Employer Funding Improves the Employee Healthcare Experience**

#### **Average HSA Adoption Rate**

Without employer contributions

20%

With employer contributions

34%

With employer contributions, the average HSA balance goes up **\$2,132**.

# Employers that make contributions:

- Encourage greater adoption of HSAqualified plans
- Deliver better value for their employees' healthcare dollars
- Have satisfied and engaged employees

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#### **HSAs Continue to Grow in the Market**



**56%** 

of companies offer HDHPs with an HSA 33.9M

HSAs exist in the market as of 6.30.2022<sup>1</sup>

\$67B

Market-wide HSA cash assets as of 6.30.2022 projected to be \$89B by 2024<sup>1</sup> **\$31B** 

Market-wide HSA invested assets as of 6.30.2022 projected to be \$54B by 2024<sup>1</sup> 3-5X

5-year deposit growth

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Devenir 2022 mid-year HSA Research Report

### **Common HSA Misconceptions**

8 out of 10 consumers do not understand the full value of an HSA

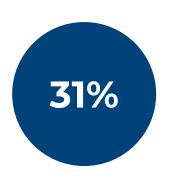
### **Key Points of Consumer Confusion:**



56%









#### **Use-It-or-Lose-It**

% that believe HSA dollars are use-it-or-lose-it like FSAs

#### **Contributions**

% that believe you can only enroll in & adjust HSA contributions during open enrollment

#### **Fund Access**

% that believe HSA election amounts are fully available on day one like FSAs

### **Eligibility**

% that don't understand eligibility requirements for HSAs

#### **Portability**

% that do not realize that HSAs come with you if you leave your employer

#### **Investments**

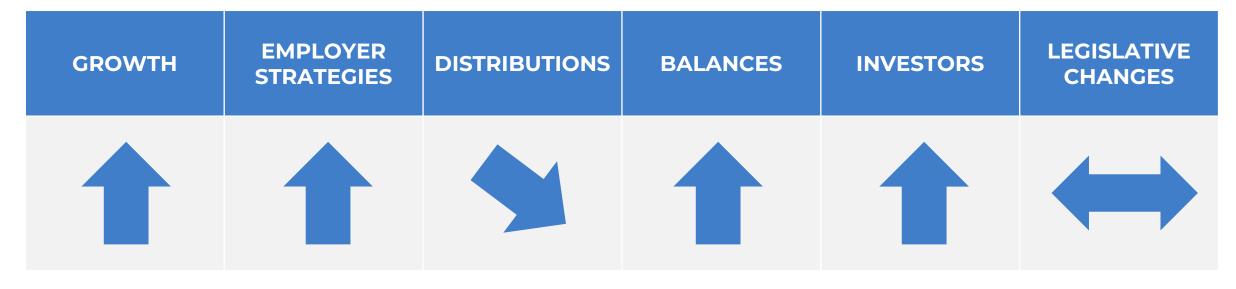
% not aware that you can invest HSA dollars for growth

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# Strategies to Increase Consumer HSA Fluency, Adoption, and Long-Term Savings

- Plan design matters in driving HSA adoption and encouraging saving
  - Consult with your benefits provider on best practices to set your HSA up for success
  - Structure your plan so it makes financial sense for employees and mitigates their risk
  - Employer contributions and/or matching goes a long way in helping to ease employee fears
  - Consider additional perks or incentives (e.g., seeded Limited Purpose FSA)
- Focus on education and communication
  - Consumer fluency is low and education remains a barrier to the growth of HSAs
  - Use diverse types of media to help educate consumers and guide them to the right actions and outcomes
  - Be intentional about timing—open enrollment is an important time, but shouldn't be the only time
  - Meet consumers where they are—spenders, savers, and investors have unique needs
  - Keep content short, digestible, and jargon-free

#### **Future of HSAs**



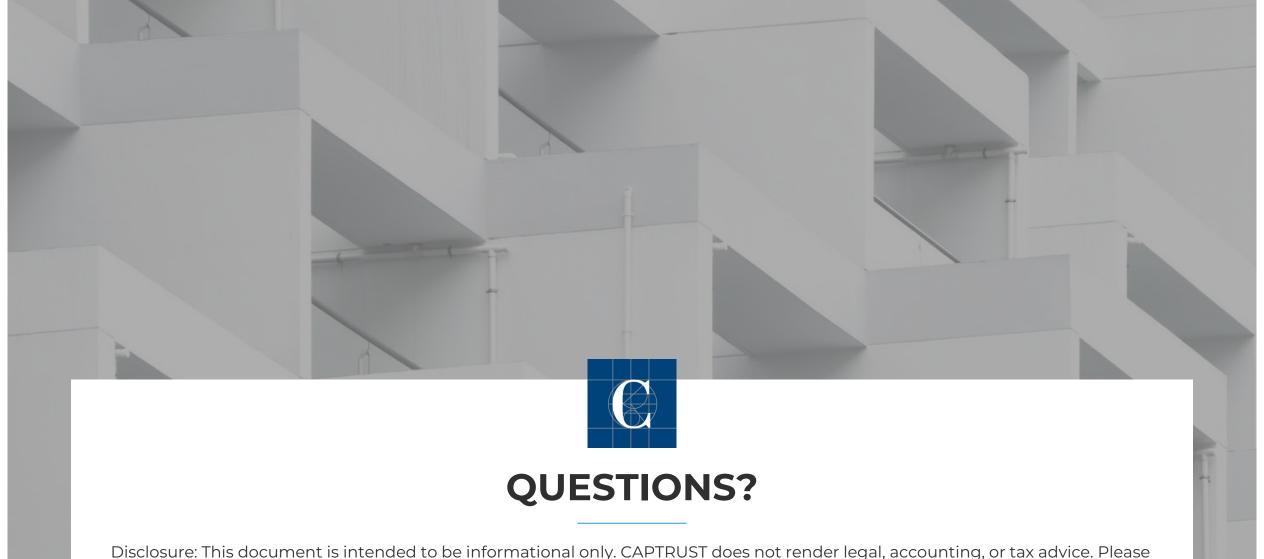
HSAs continue to grow

Employers are embracing more creative plan designs Consumers are becoming more thoughtful about saving

Asset balances are increasing

More HSA participants are investing their HSAs

Tremendous changes are unlikely



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