# **HRA Basics**



# Health Reimbursement Arrangement

An HRA is a **tax-free account** that **puts you in control** of your family's healthcare spending<sup>1</sup>. It's easy to use, and it's a smart way to save up for medical bills, including retiree insurance premiums. Plus, you never pay any taxes on the money going in or coming out. That's the **best tax advantage** there is—*even better than tax-deferred 457, 403(b), and 401(k) plans!* 

- Pay no income or FICA taxes
- Get your money fast
- Choose your investments
- No use-or-lose or carryover limits

I didn't have enough money to purchase my contact lenses and my prescription medication. I was able to use my HRA money. What a relief!

HRA Participant

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### **How It Works**

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- 1. Your employer **sends tax-free money** to your HRA<sup>2</sup>. Often, these funds would have otherwise been paid to you as taxable income. Your employer might also contribute funds in place of some other tax-free employee benefit.
- 2. You choose how you want to invest your HRA funds using the available fund lineup.
- 3. Depending on your plan<sup>3</sup>, you can **use your money right away or save it up for later**, such as during retirement.
- 4. If you pass away, your HRA can transfer to your surviving spouse, children, or other survivors. Most other HRA plans can't offer this.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup>Your HRA covers you, your spouse, and dependents, including your adult children through the end of the calendar year in which they turn age 26.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> IRS rules require all eligible employees to participate (no individual elections).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup>Your HRA may be subject to vesting, post-separation benefits only, or other limitations depending on your employer's plan design or any limited HRA coverage elections you may make.





# How It Helps

Are you struggling to cope with the cost of **doctor visits**, **prescriptions**, **new glasses or contacts**, **or braces for the kids?** Will you and your spouse be able to afford medical This plan helped me retire a few years early and pay insurance premiums until Medicare kicks in.

**HRA** 

\$9,126.15

\$151.75

Submit a Claim

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premiums up to \$1,000 or more per month if you want to retire before age 65?

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Many participants use their HRAs to reimburse **retiree insurance premiums** and the cost of medical items and services they wouldn't be able to afford otherwise, like **power chairs**, **hearing aids**, **expensive vision and dental care**, **and emergency medical bills**.



## **Using Your HRA**

Managing and using your HRA is now easier than ever!

- Fast online and mobile claims
- Handy mobile app (HRAgo<sup>®</sup>)
- Free debit card (upon request)
- Secure e-statements

**Ready to file a claim?** Log in online and click **Claims,** or use **HRAgo**<sup>®</sup> and do it "on the go." With **HRAgo**<sup>®</sup>, you can quickly snap pics of supporting documentation and submit claims right from your mobile device. We'll process your claim in about five to seven business days.

**Are you a retiree?** We can automatically reimburse your monthly insurance premiums, including Medicare premiums. Log in online and, click **Claims**. Then, click the **Set up an Automatic Premium Reimbursement** button.

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The HRA VEBA Plan is a group health plan. Plan administrative fees are \$1.50 (if claims-eligible) or \$0.75 (if not claims eligible) per month, plus an annualized asset-based fee of about 1.00%. The monthly fee is waived if your account balance is more than \$5,000. In addition, a 0.25% asset-based fee discount applies to any portion of your account balance in excess of \$10,000. Please refer to the HRA VEBA Plan Benefits brochure or Plan Summary for more details.