



GBS administrative services include our in-house Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA) and Flexible Spending Account (FSA) administration.

Costs: \$250 one-time set up fee and \$6 per member per month

How an HRA Works

How an FSA Works



Step 1

EMPLOYER decides how much to contribute and when funds are available for the employee's use.



Step 1

Employer provides opportunity to enroll. The FSA can be employer or EMPLOYEE owned and allows you to set aside up to \$2,600 on a pre-tax basis to pay for eligible expenses.



Step 2

Go to your doctor or pharmacy and present insurance card.



Step 3

Pharmacy or doctor submits services to insurance.





Pharmacy charges employee at pick-up. Doctor either charges employee a co-pay OR sends a bill 30-45* days after insurance is applied.

*depending on insurance coverage





Step 5

HRA either reimburses these expenses OR the employee is responsible for paying until they have reached a certain out-of-pocket limit.



Step 5

Expenses are reimbursed OR the employee is responsible for paying

	Flexible Spending	Health Reimbursement	
	Arrangements	Arrangements	Health Savings Accounts
	FSA	HRA	HSA
Description	Created under a 125 Cafeteria Plan to reimburse employees for qualified medical expenses	Employer-established account that reimburses employees for qualified medical expenses. Must be integrated with ACA compliant health plan (exception for certain qualified small employer plans-QSEHRAs)	A tax-exempt employee account established to pay for qualified medical expenses
High Deductible Health Plan (HDHP)	Not Required	Not Required	2018: Annual Deductible \$1,350 – Self Only \$2,700 – Family
Who is Eligible?	Any employee who is eligible for health coverage which is not an excepted benefit; subject to employer-designed exclusions	Any employee, subject to employer- designed exclusions; eligibility may or may not be tied to HDHP	Employee / Individual covered by HDHP & no other non-HDHP coverage
Who Create an Account?	Employer	Employer	Employer or Individual
Who Funds It?	 Employee salary reduction dollars Employer 	Employer only	Individual Employee salary reduction dollars Employer
Who Can Contribute?	Employer, Employee, or Both	Employer only	Employer, Employee, or Both
Maximum Contribution Level	<u>Plan Years Beginning 2018</u> Individual – \$2,650 Married – \$5,000	Set by employer	2018 Maximum* Contribution Individual – \$3,450 Family – \$6,850 *Calendar year maximum
Catch-Up Contributions	Not Allowed	Not Allowed	Ages 55 and older until enrolled in Medicare at age 65 – \$1,000
Out-Of-Pocket Maximum for HDHP*	Not Applicable	Not Applicable	<u>2018</u> Individual – \$6,650 Family – \$13,300
Interest and Earnings	None No federal or state income tax** or	Yes; earnings are tax free if used for qualified medical expenses No federal or state income tax** or	Yes; earnings are tax free if used for qualified medical expenses No federal or state income tax** or
Are Contributions Taxed?	social security / Medicare tax	social security / Medicare tax	social security / Medicare tax
Distributions for Non-Medical Expenses (Including Cash-Outs)	Not Allowed	Not Allowed	Subject to tax & 20% penalty (with certain exceptions)
Qualified Expenses	Qualified medical expenses as defined in IRC 213(d), including over-the-counter drugs if prescribed	Qualified medical expenses as defined in IRC 213(d), including over-the-counter drugs if prescribed	Qualified medical expenses as defined in IRS 213(d), including over-the-counter drugs if prescribed; Premiums (1) Medicare, (2) COBRA, (3) health insurance while receiving unemployment compensation
Health Insurance Premiums	No	Yes	No, with exceptions
Reimburse Long-Term Care (LTC)?	LTC premiums – No	LTC premiums – Yes	LTC premiums – Yes
Portability	LTC expenses – No No; employees also forfeit unused balances	LTC expenses – No At the discretion of the employer	LTC expenses – Yes Yes; employee owns the account
Balance Carry-Over	Limited; plans may allow up to \$500 carryover or a grace period of up to two and a half months but not both	At the discretion of the employer	Yes
Discrimination	IRC Section 125 and 105(h) – Yes	Employer contributions must not discriminate in favor of highly compensated individuals as provided by IRC Section 105(h)	If employer contributions are done through a Section 125, the employer must comply with nondiscrimination requirements of the 125 Plan
Reimbursement Order***	FSAs should be considered the "final payer" and cannot reimburse expenses that have been reimbursed elsewhere	Claims are submitted to the HRA first and the FSA reimburses any amounts not reimbursed by the HRA	Should not have HRA & FSA that cover same expenses as the HDHP
Funding Requirement	Uniform coverage rule applies; claims must be paid without regard to contribution amount	Not required to pre-fund – uniform coverage rule does not apply	Funds must be present before withdrawal is made; employer may contribute to HSA over time or all at once
COBRA Continuation	Subject to COBRA	Subject to COBRA	Not subject to COBRA
COBRA Premiums	No	Yes	Yes
ERISA Requirements	Yes	Yes	HDHP piece – Yes, if employer sponsored Savings/investment portion – No
ERISA Form 5500	Applies; exception for small (< 100 participants) unfunded plans	Applies; exception for small (< 100 participants) unfunded plans	Does not apply unless it is an ERISA plan
ERISA SPD & Other Disclosures; Adherence to Benefit Claims Procedures	Yes	Yes	Does not apply unless it is an ERISA plan
HIPAA Portability, Certificate of Creditable Coverage	Applies; exception for health FSAs funded with salary reductions	Yes	Yes, for HDHP and for an employer- sponsored HSA
HIPAA Privacy	Yes	Yes	Does not apply unless
		only coverage) are required to include emb	it is an ERISA plan

^{*}HHS clarifies that plans offering family coverage (or any plan other than self-only coverage) are required to include embedded OOP limit for each **State taxes could apply in some states

**Employer can draft HRA and FSA plan documents so that HRA reimburses only after FSA amounts are exhausted.