

# Securing financial futures with a health savings brokerage account



## Multiple accounts will likely be needed to fund retirement

It's important for employees to be able to save and pay for health care. And the more they save, the more prepared they are to make good health care decisions. Once employees have saved enough and then choose to invest a portion of their health savings account (HSA) funds, it can become one of the single best accounts for tax savings, helping them save for the long term and into retirement.

Optum Financial wants to help make investing easy and more accessible for users by offering a health savings brokerage account (HSBA) through Charles Schwab, a leader in self-directed brokerage accounts. An HSBA through Schwab offers investors a broad range of investments including equities, bonds, exchange traded funds, mutual funds and more.

Adding an HSBA to your health savings account gives you and your employees the advantages of working with a company driven to meet the needs of today's investors through constant innovation, choice with value and dedicated service and support.

## Make the most of your Optum Financial HSA

Investing HSA dollars has many potential tax benefits and can be an additional way to save for long-term health care needs and financial goals. HSAs are triple tax-advantaged, making them an effective savings and investment account.

- Contributions to an HSA are income tax-free
- All interest earnings and investment growth from deposits are income tax-free\*
- Withdrawals for qualified medical expenses are income tax-free

Being financially prepared can help your employees make better health care decisions, which in turn helps you have a healthier and more productive workforce.



## Savvy investors

Employees can use an HSA with other retirement accounts to maximize their long-term savings. A tax-advantaged HSA allows employees to plan and save for future medical expenses in retirement, when costs can be significant. An HSBA within the HSA can satisfy more sophisticated investors who require a more personalized investment experience.

## Here's how the HSBA works



### Easy electronic account open

An employee clicks on the Schwab HSBA option from their member portal, chooses "Enroll" to be directed to the HSBA site and follows the steps to open their account at Schwab.



### More choices, plus zero commissions and fees for online trades

Through HSBA, account holders can invest in listed ETFs and stocks commission-free across all mobile, automated phone, and web trading channels. Additionally, account holders have access to fixed income investments and thousands of mutual funds from hundreds of fund families. Many of which are no-load, no-transaction fee funds.



### Access to research tools and advice

Employees can research, trade and monitor investments in their HSBA with the support of independent third-party and proprietary research reports, advanced online screening tools and market commentary from industry experts. A convenient mobile app makes it easy to stay connected and informed on the go.



### Dedicated service and support

When employees need assistance with their HSBA, there are experienced representatives available to assist through the HSBA contact center. These representatives average more than a decade of Schwab and industry experience and specialize in serving HSA account investors.



## The Schwab difference

The Charles Schwab Corporation (NYSE: SCHW) is a leading provider of financial services, driven to help clients invest and take ownership of their financial futures.

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