



MSA Qualified Medical Expenses

This is a quick reference list of Qualified Medical Expenses that can be reimbursed from a Medicare Medical Savings Account (MSA). Qualified Medical Expenses are the same types of services and products that could otherwise be deducted as medical expenses on your yearly income tax return.

Eligible Medical Expenses

- Abdominal Support
- Acupuncture
- Alcoholism treatment
- Ambulance
- Anesthetist
- Annual physical examination
- Arch supports
- Artificial limbs
- Autoette (when used for relief of sickness or disability)
- Blood tests
- Blood transfusions
- Braces
- Breast reconstruction surgery (in conjunction with a mastectomy)
- Cardiographs
- Chiropractor (to correct subluxation)
- Christian Science practitioner
- Contact lenses (after cataract surgery)
- Convalescent home (for medical treatment only)
- Crutches
- Dental treatment (non-routine)
- Dental X-rays
- Dentures
- Dermatologist
- Diagnostic fees
- Drug addiction therapy
- Drugs (prescription)
- Elastic hosiery (for Diabetics)
- Eyeglasses (after Cataract surgery)
- FICA and FUTA tax paid for medical care service
- Fluoridation unit
- Guide dog
- Gum treatment
- Gynecologist
- Healing services
- Hearing aids and batteries
- Home care (excluding custodial care)
- Hospital bills
- Hydrotherapy
- Insulin treatments
- Lab tests
- Laser eye surgery
- Long term care (custodial)
- Metabolism Tests
- Neurologist
- Operating room costs
- Ophthalmologist (only for diagnosis and treatment of diseases and conditions of the eye)
- Optician
- Optometrist
- Oral Surgery
- Organ transplant (including donor's expenses)*
- Orthopedic shoes (for Diabetics)
- Oxygen and oxygen equipment
- Physician
- Podiatrist (medically necessary foot care only)
- Psychoanalyst
- Psychiatrist
- Psychologist
- Psychotherapy
- Radium therapy
- Registered nurse
- Spinal fluid test
- Splints
- Sterilization
- Stop smoking aids
- Surgeon
- Telephone or TV equipment to assist the hard-of-hearing
- Therapy equipment
- Transportation expenses (medically necessary only)
- Ultraviolet ray treatment
- Vaccines
- Vasectomy
- Vitamins (if prescribed)
- Wheelchair
- X-rays

Ineligible Medical Expenses

- Advance payment for services to be rendered next year
- Athletic club membership
- Automobile insurance premium allocable to medical coverage
- Bottled water
- Commuting expenses of a disabled person
- Cosmetic surgery and procedures
- Cosmetics, hygiene products and similar items
- Funeral, cremation or burial
- Health programs offered by resort hotels, health clubs and gyms
- Illegal operations and treatments
- Illegally procured drugs
- Penalties for failure to pre-certify according to health plan rules
- Premiums for life insurance, income protection, disability, loss of limbs, sight or similar benefits
- Scientology counseling
- Social activities
- Special foods and beverages
- Specially designed car for the handicapped other than an Autoette or special equipment
- Swimming pool
- Travel for general health improvement

If you use the money in your account for non-qualified expenses, it will be taxed as part of your income and will also be subject to an additional penalty.

To report distributions for Qualified Medical Expenses from your account you must file Form 1040, US Individual Income Tax Return, and Form 8853 each year.

For a complete list of the services and products that count as Qualified Medical Expenses and for other tax information, call the Internal Revenue Service at 1.800.TAX.FORM (1.800.829.3676). Ask for a free copy of the IRS publication #502, "Medical and Dental Expenses." You can also request the IRS publication #969 to get more information about the tax Form 8853, or visit www.irs.gov and select "Forms and Publications" to view or print copies of the publications.