

Your Health Spending Account

Overview of Eligible Expenses




What can I claim?

Eligible expenses for your Health Spending Account (HSA) fall into four categories: Prescription Drugs, Vision Care, Dental, and Health. Expenses can be from inside or outside Canada.

National HealthClaim is as diligent as possible in compiling and updating this list. However, National HealthClaim does not guarantee that this information is up to date. If there is a discrepancy between this list and the list of Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) eligible medical expenses, the CRA list will always take precedence.

Please check this list periodically to review any changes that may have been made.

A complete listing of eligible expenses can be found on the Canada Revenue Agency (CRA) website. Go to: www.cra-arc.gc.ca and search for "Allowable Medical Expenses." The CRA article contains information on eligible medical expenses with a link to detailed listings, as well as a "Related Topic" of expenses which are not eligible. There is also a listing of authorized medical practitioners which identifies which healthcare professionals are also authorized as medical practitioners.

PRESCRIPTION	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All Drugs and medications prescribed by a licensed medical practitioner, dispensed by a pharmacist. Prescriptions must be on an official prescription receipt with the patient name, drug name, drug DIN identification number, prescribing doctor name, amount paid and date. 2. Injection fees and insulin treatments (eg. insulin pump) <p>Over-the-counter items (ie. vitamins and naturopathic remedies are not eligible)</p>
VISION	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Prescription vision wear including eye glasses, sunglasses, and contact lenses purchased in-store or on-line, including taxes and shipping costs. 2. Clip-on sunglasses and non-prescription sunglasses are eligible when submitted with prescription eye glasses and contact lenses respectively. 3. Services performed by an Ophthalmologist, Optometrist and Optician. This includes eye exams, laser eye surgery and vision therapy. <p>Over-the-counter items (eg. contact solution and generic reading glasses) are not eligible</p>
DENTAL	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. All dental and orthodontic (braces/Invisalign) services. Must be performed by a licensed medical practitioner. <p>Teeth whitening (bleaching) materials (home kits) are not eligible as they are considered "cosmetic" and non essential. Teeth whitening services done by the dentist are only eligible with a doctor's note confirming that the procedure is medically necessary.</p>

HEALTH

Wellness Care



1. Any service performed by a qualified medical practitioner (as specified by the CRA or country if outside of Canada)
 - Chiropractor
 - Registered Massage Therapist
 - Allergist
 - Acupuncturist
 - Physiotherapist
 - Naturopath
 - Dietician
 - Podiatrist/Orthopedist (foot orthotics)
 - Social Worker
 - Psychiatrist
 - Psychologist
 - Dermatologist (non-cosmetic)*
 - Cosmetic Surgeon (non-cosmetic)*
 - Kinesiologist
 - Certain weight loss programs supervised by CRA authorized medical practitioners

*** If procedure is required as a result of a medical condition or considered “medically necessary” for mental wellness reasons, a doctor’s note will be required for it’s consideration.**

Family Care



1. Any service performed by a qualified medical practitioner (as specified by the CRA), authorized to practice in their province (or country if outside of Canada)
 - Pediatrician (Children’s Physician)
 - Acne and Acne Scarring Treatment
 - Speech Therapist
 - Lip Reading
 - Sign language training
 - Learning Psych Assessment needed for Individualized Program Plan (IPP) educational provisions
 - Learning assistance, tutoring services (supplementary to primary education taught by a non-relative) and specialized schools for individuals with a diagnosed learning disability. Contact us for specific document requirements.
 - Homemaker service (recovery from illness/surgery or disability reasons). Contact us for details
 - Home care (attendant must be non-relative)
 - Full-time attendant or care in a nursing home for patient who with prolonged mental or physical impairment. Must be certified medical practitioner.
 - Specially trained animals to assist blind, deaf or severely impaired persons, including the cost of it’s care and maintenance
 - Reasonable costs for adapting a residence to accommodate a disabled person (ie. wheelchair ramp, lifts, bath facilities)

Maternity Health



- Obstetrician (Pregnancy, Childbirth, Postpartum Specialist)
- Midwife Services
- Gynaecologist
- Pre-natal/post-natal/maternity classes led by CRA authorized medical practitioner
- New mother items paid at a hospital (ie. breast pump, dispensing fees)
- SIDS Baby Monitors
- Prescription Birth Control
- Cord Blood Storing (newborn stem cell storage for future health needs)
- In vitro fertilization, not including donations to a sperm bank
- Cryo storage for eggs

**Health Equipment/
Devices/Supplies**

(Contact us for specific document requirements)



- Wheelchair
- Wigs (medical reasons)
- Blood glucose meter
- Vision/Hearing/Speech impaired aids
- Sleep Apnea (eg. CPAP machines and supplies)
- Crutches
- Heart Monitors
- Hospital beds for home
- Artificial eyes/limbs/Prosthesis
- Artificial kidney machine
- Brace for a limb (eg. Core Shorts, compression stockings and sized limb braces)
- Catheters, etc.
- Colostomy pads
- Diabetic pumps
- Hernia truss (ie. custom belt or garment accessory)
- Oxygen Masks/Tent
- Osteogenesis Stimulator (healthy bone repair therapy)
- Cast Upgrades (Fiber)
- Neck/Spinal brace
- ROM (Range of Motion) orthotics
- Reachers (hand-held grabbers)

**Hospital and
Medical Services**



- Ambulance Charges, including Medi-Van patient transport (non lights/sirens)
- Upgrade to Semi-Private or Private Room
- Anesthetist
- Vaccines/Injections/Insulin treatments
- Hospital bills/Use of operating room
- X-Ray Treatment/Technician
- Audiology/Speech
- Blood transfusion/Bone Marrow
- Organ Transplant/Transplant
- Diathermy Nursing (muscle tissue heat therapy)
- Electric shock treatments
- Hydrotherapy (water therapy for pain management). This excludes hot tub purchases.
- Ultra-violet ray treatments for skin conditions (eg. psoriasis)

Other



- Transportation, meals and accommodations. Reasonable expenses for meals, accommodation and travel costs for a patient and an accompanying attendant may be deductible if: equivalent medical services are not available locally, the route traveled is reasonably direct and medical treatment is reasonable and distance travelling is at least 40 kilometers one way. Proof of medical appointment is needed. Contact us for specifics.