

HRAs: Defined Benefits that Define a Strong Commitment to Your Early Retirees









Current Situation



Since 2005, the expected health care costs during retirement have increased by

29 percent⁽¹⁾



\$395,000 is the average out-of-pocket health care costs for a 65-year-old couple retiring in 2016⁽²⁾



The \$395,000 covers
Medicare premiums,
copayments and
coinsurance over the next
20 years(2)



With your HRA, you provide your eligible retirees with the **peace of mind** that they can afford health care during their golden years

1 "Health Care Costs for Couples in Retirement Rise to an Estimated \$245,000," Fidelity. https://www.fidelity.com/about-fidelity/employer-services/health-care-costs-for-couples-retirement-rise

2 "Average Out-of-Pocket Health Care Costs Estimated at \$395,000 for a 65-year-old Healthy Couple Retiring in 2016," Open Minds, https://www.openminds.com/market-intelligence/news/average-health-care-costs-estimated-395000-65

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Current Situation

- Public agencies should not expect OPEB funding issues to be solved by economic growth
- First step is to fully understand the long term consequences of retiree health care costs
- Solve for the long term first
- Many solutions are daunting
 - Hefty employee contributions
 - Reform benefits











What is an HRA?

Health Reimbursement
Arrangement (HRA) is a health
care plan that may provide
reimbursements for medical
insurance premiums and other
eligible health are expenses











What is an HRA?

- Available since 2002
- Funded by the employer only and employee contributions are not permitted
- HRAs provide triple tax savings

Tax free deposits

Tax free accumulation

Tax free reimbursement







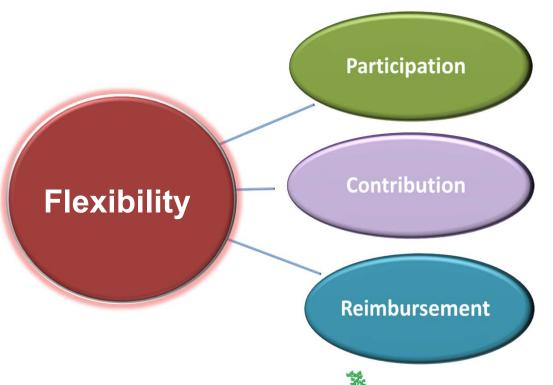




Flexible Plan Design



A Defined Contribution HRA's plan design is highly customizable and can take into consideration:



- Contribution type
- Contribution frequency
- Accumulation
- Eligibility
- Vesting
- Nondiscrimination
- Forfeiture provisions
- Allowable reimbursements
- Distribution fees







Plan Design



Eligibility

 All early retiree employees enrolled in group health coverage through employer's sponsored group health plan



Contributions

- Set dollar amount per month for each full-time employee
- Unused amounts carry over from year to year







Reimbursements for Employees

Reimburses deductibles, co-pays and coinsurance

213(d) eligible health care expenses

No taxation to participant

125 Plan contributions must be used before HRA, due to FSA's "use it or lose it" provision

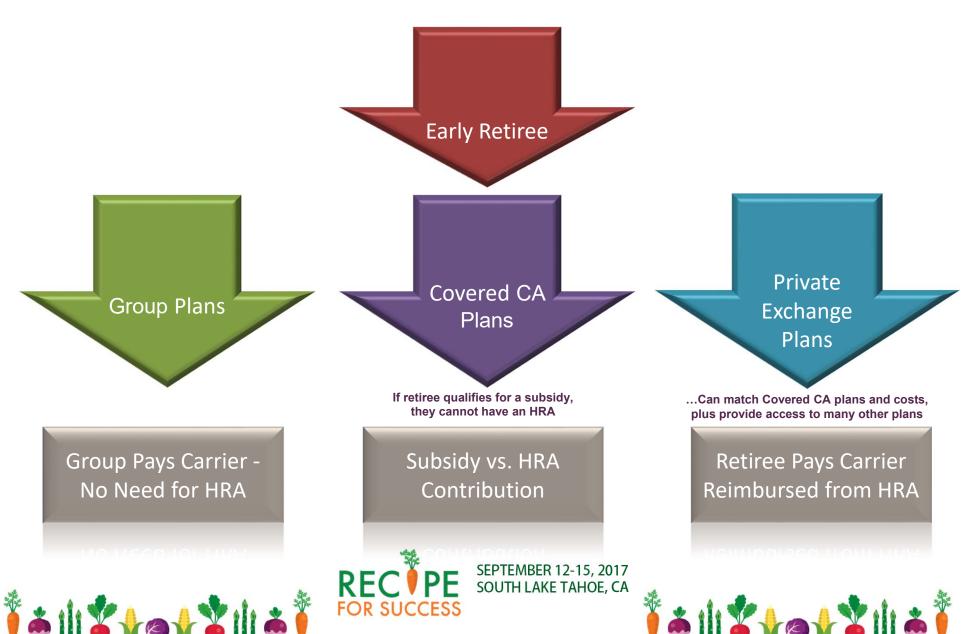




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Utilizing an HRA as an Early Retiree



Employer Benefits

Allows significant tax advantage and leverage while alleviating OPEB liabilities

Provides Enhanced Benefit Options, can act as a hiring tool and retention and can ensures postemployment benefit

Allows for flexibility in plan design and contribution strategy among different employee units

Reduces administrative strain

Can reduce overall group medical premiums







Employee Benefits

Provides maximum flexibility to employee:

- Can choose any health plan on the open market
- Join spouses coverage
- Utilize funds for future out of pocket and premium expenses

Tax free growth and reimbursement

Funds roll over year to year and are retained after separation from service

Can be utilized easily by employee or spouse with the debit card provided









JPA Benefits

Reduce long term claims cost

Provide additional options to employers and employees

Ensure financial stability to the JPA through reduced costs







What are Eligible Expenses?

Common Qualified Claims

Premiums

- Medical Insurance
- Dental Insurance
- Vision Insurance
- Health Maintenance Organization (HMOs)
- Long Term Care Insurance* (Tax Qualified)
- Medicare Part B
- Medicare Supplement

Most Common Expenses

- Over-the-Counter Drugs**
- Office Visit Copays
- Physician Service
 Copays
- Prescription Copays
- Insurance Plan Deductibles
- Insurance Plan Co-Insurance

Other Services & Fees

- Anesthetist
- Chiropractor
- Christian Science
- Dentist
- Exam. physical
- Eve Exam
- Fertility Treatments
- Gynecologist
- Healing Services
- Hospital
- Laboratory

- Osteopath
- Physician
- Physiotherapist
- Psychiatrist
- Sex Therapist
- Specialists
- Surgeons

Military Retiree Coverage (TRICARE formerly known as CHAMPUS)

- Copays
- Deductibles
- Office Visits
- Vision
- EXTRA Premiums
- Medicare Part B Premiums
- PRIME (HMO) Premiums
- PRIME Supplement Premiums
- Retiree Dental Premiums
- Standard Premiums

Misc. Expenses

- Adoption (medical expenses incurred before adoption is finalized)
- Air conditioning and air filters used for alleviating illness
- Alcoholism and Drug Treatment Center Costs
- Ambulance Hire
- Artificial Limbs and Teeth

- Automobile Modifications (hand controls, special equipment, mechanical lifts)
- Birth Control Pills
- Braille Books & Magazines
- Childbirth Classes (birth preparation, not child rearing)
- Contact Lenses
- Dental Treatments
- Eve Exam
- Eyeglasses
- Fertility Treatments
- Food & Beverages for specific diseases
- Genetic Testing (to determine possible defects)
- Hearing aids & Batteries
- Immunizations
- Infertility Treatment
- Laser Eye Surgery
- Lead-Based Paint Removal
- Learning Disability (school or educator for learning disabled children recommended by doctor)
- Lifetime Care at Medical
- Lodging for Medical Care or Treatment (subject to \$50/day per person)
- Medical Supplies & Equipment

- Norplant Insertion or Removal
- Obstetrical Expense
- Operations
- Optometrist
- Oral Surgery
- Organ Transplants
- Orthodontia
- Physical Therapy
- Prescription Medicines
- Private Hospital Room
- Retirement Home Fees, costs allocable to medical care
- Seeing-Eye Dog
- Speech Training for Child with Dyslexia or other Learning Disability
- Sterilization
- Stop-Smoking Programs
- Student Health Fees
- Support for Corrective Devices
- Telephone for Deaf
- Therapy Treatments ***
- Transportation Expense Relative to Illness (subject to IRS limits)
- Vaccines
- Vasectomy
- Viagra
- Vitamins (subject to doctor's verification)
- Weight Loss Program (to treat an existing disease)
- Wheelchair
- X-Rays







Administration

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