Your Optum Financial Health Savings Account (HSA) is a smart long-term investment vehicle that can play an important role in your overall wealth and retirement strategy.

Investing your 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. Not only are HSA contributions tax-advantaged, but all interest earnings and investment growth is also income tax-free.

**Investing basics**

Once your HSA reaches a certain designated balance, you may choose to invest a portion of your HSA dollars.* Optum Financial makes investing easy and more accessible for you by offering two investment opportunities.

**You have two smart investment options.**

**Option 1: Optum Financial self-directed mutual funds:** You can choose from a wide variety of over 30 mutual funds, that average a four-star Morningstar rating and represent some of the lowest expense ratios in the industry, including life stage funds. The Asset Allocation Calculator can help you decide which funds are right for you.

**Option 2: Betterment digitally managed investments:** Betterment helps take the guesswork out of investing your HSA. Based on your HSA investment goals, Betterment will recommend a personalized portfolio of low-cost exchange traded funds (ETFs) and help keep your HSA investment on track through auto-deposits and automated rebalancing. If you’re saving your HSA for retirement, Betterment can also help you manage your investments alongside your other retirement accounts to help you maximize your after-tax retirement income.

And remember, any investment earnings such as interest or dividends are income tax-free.

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**What if you have unexpected medical costs?**

No problem. If you’re investing in Optum Financial mutual funds, you can easily transfer your investment funds back into your HSA.

**OR**

If you’re investing with Betterment, they will make it easy by automatically selling the right funds for you.
Start investing today

**With Optum Financial self-directed mutual funds:**

1. Sign in to your HSA and set up your investment account by choosing the Optum Financial self-directed mutual funds option within the Investment Options experience.
2. Choose the funds you want to invest in.
   **Tip:** You can use the Asset Allocation Calculator to help you decide which funds are right for you.
3. Indicate the amount you want to transfer into your investment account. The minimum amount that can be transferred at one time is $100.
4. Want to make future investing easier? You can choose to set up recurring transfers/sweeps. You choose a certain threshold amount, and any funds over your threshold will automatically be transferred to your investment account. Manage your investments easily on optumbank.com by viewing market trends, tracking portfolio performance, and manually or automatically rebalancing your portfolio.

**With personalized, online advice through Betterment:**

1. Sign in to your HSA and select Betterment. This will take you to the Investment Options experience.
2. Choose the initial amount you want to transfer to your Betterment account.
3. You’ll be securely taken to Betterment to answer a few questions. Betterment will learn more about your goals and risk level to create a recommended portfolio that’s customized for you.
   **Tip:** Betterment customizes your HSA investments to suit your needs: whether you have long-term savings and retirement in mind, or prefer a portfolio that can be easily accessed for current qualified medical expenses.
4. Take full advantage of Betterment’s technology by returning to optumbank.com and setting up auto-transfers. You choose a certain threshold amount, and any funds over your threshold will be automatically invested and managed by Betterment.


*Investments are not FDIC insured, are not guaranteed by Optum Bank, and may lose value.*