

Small Employer HRA Options

Tax-free reimbursements for individual plans and medical expenses using a stand-alone HRA for qualified small employers.

QSEHRA

A Qualified Small Employer Health Reimbursement Arrangement (QSEHRA) allows employers with fewer than 50 employees to offer a Health Reimbursement Arrangement (HRA). Contributions are funded solely by the employer and employees may use the funds in their account toward their individual health plans (either purchased through a private carrier or on the ACA exchange). QSEHRAs can be applied toward any qualified expenses including monthly premiums as well as out-of-pocket medical, dental, and vision benefits.

2023 QSEHRA Limits

Individual Health Plan \$5,850 (2023) annually Family Health Plan \$11,800 (2023) annually

ICHRA

The Individual Coverage Health Reimbursement Arrangement (ICHRA) is another option for families who wish to provide a tax-free benefit to their employees. Like the QSEHRA, an ICHRA is funded by the employer and reimburses employees tax-free for health insurance premiums and/or medical expenses. What sets the ICHRA apart from other HRAs is that there are no annual contribution limits.

QSEHRA AND ICHRA ADVANTAGES

- No federal income tax on payments or reimbursements if the employee has minimum essential health coverage (MEC)
- Reimbursements may be made immediately when the employee becomes eligible to participate
- Employees purchase the health plan they want
- Employees can paid their QSEHRA with their spouse's health care plan
- Employers can set the budget and include waiting periods
- Funds can carry over from year-to-year if allowed by the employer

Employer Requirements

- 1. Have a written plan document
- 2. Distribute a Summary Plan Document (SPD) within 90 days of the employee becoming a plan participant
- 3. Must not be an applicable large employer (ALE) under the Affordable Care Act (ACA)
- 4. Must not sponsor any other health, dental, or vision plan
- 5. Provide a QSEHRA/ICHRA to all eligible employees under the same terms and employees can't waive participation in the plan
- 6. Provide all eligible employees with a written notice at least 90 days prior to the start of the plan year
- 7. Obtain proof that the person whose expense is being paid or reimbursed has minimum essential coverage both on an annual basis and with each reimbursement
- 8. Substantiate all reimbursement of claims
- 9. Report the employee's permitted benefits in Box 12 of their Form W-2 using code FF

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