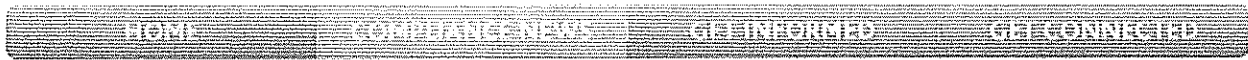




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When an individual asks to establish a health savings account (HSA), must the custodian/trustee ask for proof that the individual is covered by a high-deductible health plan?

No. IRS Notice 2004-2, Q&A-10 indicates that an HSA custodian/trustee may require proof or certification that the individual is indeed covered by a high-deductible health plan but there is no requirement to do so.

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