

Clarification on 2018 Health Savings Accounts and Estate Tax Exclusion

The IRS issued updates to tax reform rules that affect a few figures reported in our Tax Guide (December 2017 *AAII Journal*) and Tax Guide Update (March 2018 *AAII Journal*).

Health Savings Accounts

Contributions to a Health Savings Account (HSA) cannot exceed \$6,850 for a family high-deductible health card plan in 2018. This is \$50 lower than the originally reported maximum contribution of \$6,900.

Estate Tax Exclusion

The per spouse estate tax exemption for 2018 is \$11.18 million, for a total effective exclusion of \$22.36 million. This is slightly lower than the originally reported exclusion of \$11.2 million.

These changes are due to the IRS recalculating inflation adjustments and arriving at more precise figures. For IRS news releases related to tax reform, go to <https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/tax-reform>.

*The **AAII Tax Guide** online has been updated with these adjusted figures. The March **AAII Journal Tax Guide Update** article has also been updated online. You can keep up-to-date with the 2018 tax reform changes here at the **AAII Blog**.*