

Brokerage Option FAQs

Words to know:

- Schwab – Charles Schwab & Co., Inc.
- PCRA – Personal Choice Retirement Account[®]
- HFS – Hewitt Financial Services
- SDBA - Self-Directed Brokerage Account

Q. Why is Savings Plus transferring my SDBA with Hewitt Financial Services to a Schwab PCRA?

A. As part of the Savings Plus transition to Nationwide, your Savings Plus SDBA with HFS will transfer to a Schwab PCRA. Nationwide contracts with Schwab as their brokerage option provider.

Q. What's the difference between the SDBA and the PCRA?

A. The SDBA with HFS and PCRA with Schwab are fundamentally the same. They both provide access to a wider variety of investments other than those available in the Savings Plus core funds. You can purchase publicly traded equities, mutual funds, governmental or corporate bonds, real estate investment trusts, and a variety of other investments in the PCRA just as you could in the SDBA.

Q. Will there be a blackout period during the transition?

A. Yes. December 15, 2015 is the last day to trade in your SDBA and December 15, 2015 is also the last day to move funds between your SDBA and core funds. Any assets held in your SDBA after close of business December 15 will transfer in-kind to Schwab. Assets in your brokerage account will remain fully invested during the transition period. You can access and begin trading in your PCRA on January 5, 2016.

Q. Is there any action I need to take?

A. If you want to remain invested in the brokerage option you do not need to take any action. Your assets will transfer in-kind to Schwab and you can access and begin trading in your PCRA on January 5, 2016.

Q. What if I don't want my SDBA to transfer to a PCRA with Schwab?

A. If you do not want your assets to transfer to a PCRA you must liquidate your entire SDBA by market close on December 8, 2015 and transfer everything back to the core funds by December 15, 2015. Any assets remaining in your HFS SDBA after December 15 will transfer to the PCRA.

Q. How will my assets transfer to the PCRA?

A. Your assets will transfer in-kind, meaning they will remain fully invested during the transition period. Please note your investments are subject to market fluctuation throughout the transition period. The only exception to this is the current SDBA sweep vehicle, the Hewitt Money Market Fund. Any cash invested in the Hewitt Money Market Fund on December 15, 2015 will be liquidated and purchased into the new sweep vehicle, the Schwab Money Market Fund (SWMXX), once received by Schwab. The Schwab Money Market Fund prospectus is available at www.schwab.com/prospectus and also by calling a Schwab representative at 888-393-PCRA (7272) between 6:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (PT) Monday through Friday.

Q. What if I have investments with HFS that cannot transfer to my PCRA?

A. Any security that is not eligible for transfer to Schwab has to be liquidated no later than December 8, 2015. If you hold any securities as of October 30, 2015 that cannot transfer to Schwab, Savings Plus will send you a letter on November 16 to let you know that you own a non-transferable security. If the non-transferable asset is not liquidated by December 8, 2015 it will be liquidated for you to avoid any delays in transferring the eligible assets from your SDBA to the PCRA.

Q. When will I receive my new PCRA account number from Schwab?

A. Your PCRA will be established beginning October 23, 2015. You will receive an Account Verification Letter from Schwab, which will include your PCRA account number and regulatory information. Please review the information carefully.

Q. When is the last day to trade in my HFS SDBA?

A. The last day to trade in your HFS SDBA is December 15, 2015.

Q. Will I receive additional information from Schwab?

A. Shortly after Schwab sends you the Account Verification Letter, they will also mail you a separate welcome packet containing information to help familiarize you with and explain the benefits and features of your new PCRA. This will include detailed information on accessing and managing your SDBA starting January 5, 2015.

Q. When will I be able to access my new Schwab PCRA account and perform trades and transactions?

A. Your SDBA will be available on January 5, 2015.

Q. What if I liquidate my SDBA account before the blackout period but fail to transfer the funds to my core account?

A. Any assets remaining in the SDBA after December 15, 2015 will transition to Schwab. Funds in the current SDBA sweep vehicle, the Hewitt Money Market Fund, will be liquidated and purchased into the new sweep vehicle, the Schwab Money Market Fund.

Q. How do the fees for the SDBA compare with the fees for the PCRA?

A. A comprehensive list of Schwab Commissions and Fees will be included with the Account Verification Letter that will be mailed by Schwab beginning on October 23, 2015.

Q. What happens to any open good til cancel (GTC) orders I have in my SDBA at the time of the transition?

A. As part of the transition to Schwab all open orders in the SDBA will be cancelled. If you'd like to re-add your orders please do so in the new PCRA beginning January 5, 2015.

Q. Why does the blackout period last for three weeks?

A. The brokerage transition is a complicated process. Although all assets will transfer in kind from HFS to Schwab, it still requires reregistering all the underlying holdings through the National Securities Clearing Corp (NSCC). With the combination of the NSCC and market closings due to holidays; the transfer will take approximately 3 weeks to complete. Once your assets arrive in your Schwab PCRA account you can begin trading.

Q. Who do I contact if I have questions about whether a specific investment in my SDBA will transfer to Schwab and what the fees will be to trade that investment going forward?

A. For questions about specific investment please contact a Schwab representative at 393-PCRA (7272) between 6:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. (PT) Monday through Friday.

Q. If I transfer both pre-tax and Roth money in my PCRA, how are the investments tracked?

A. If you transfer both pre-tax and Roth money into the PCRA, the investments are not tracked separately. The assets will be allocated to the money types based upon the percentage allocation of the transfer from the core funds to the PCRA.