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WHAT IS **ABLE?**

The Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Act of 2014 created savings and investment accounts for individuals living with disabilities

Save money <u>without impacting</u> eligibility for certain means-tested benefits







WHAT IS **ABLE?**

ABLE accounts have hybrid functionality





WHAT IS **STABLE?**

STABLE is a national ABLE plan

Administered by the Ohio Treasurer's office

Launched June 1, 2016

First and most-used ABLE plan in America





BENEFITS OF STABLE ACCOUNTS

OWNERSHIP

Account is owned by the individual living with the disability

FINANCIAL INDEPENDENCE

Eliminate spend-down and increase the amount of short-term and / or long-term savings

TAX BENEFITS

May qualify for multiple tax benefits each year



ELIGIBILITY

To see who qualifies for STABLE Account, take our eligibility quiz at <u>stableaccount.com</u>

An individual living with a disability that occurred prior to age 26

PLUS <u>ONE</u> OF THE FOLLOWING:

Eligible to receive SSI or SSDI due to disability; or

Condition listed on SSA's "List of Compassionate Allowances Conditions"; or

Self-certification



WHAT IS SELF-CERTIFICATION?

Need diagnosis of a physical or mental impairment that causes "marked and severe functional limitations"

Condition has lasted or is expected to last for at least 1 year

Do not need to send in written diagnosis, but must have on hand



ENROLLMENT

Free online enrollment at **stableaccount.com**

Quick & easy process (appx. 20 minutes)

\$25 minimum opening deposit



ENROLLMENT

Can be done by:

Individual living with a disability (Accountholder)

or

Authorized Legal Representative (ALR) = Agent under a Power of Attorney, or if none, a Conservator/Legal Guardian, Spouse, Parent, Sibling, Grandparent, or Social Security Representative Payee



ENTITY ALR

Management of Multiple Accounts

Simplifies processes for those overseeing more than one account

Levels of oversight can accommodate organization's management of accounts

Reporting and recordkeeping is provided within the portal





Check

Payroll Deduction



Payroll Deduction For Employees Living with Disabilities and Their Families

INCLUSION

Benefits for Your Company

- Adds a no-cost benefit for your company and employees
- Provides every employee the opportunity to save and invest in their future
- Promotes inclusion and brings financial parity to your workforce

EMPOWERMENT

Benefits for Your Employees

- Employees living with disabilities can now save more money while keeping public benefits
- Easily set up payroll deduction for themselves or family members living with disabilities
- Diverse savings and investment opportunities through STABLE Account



IF NOT EMPLOYED

\$16,000 per year from all sources

IF EMPLOYED

Up to \$28,880 per year

LIFETIME LIMIT \$517,000 balance limit





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IF EMPLOYED

Up to \$28,880 per year \$16,000 + wages up to an additional \$18,880



LIFETIME LIMIT \$517,000 balance limit



The Gifting Page allows anyone to give financial gifts...directly into the STABLE Account

pay for everyday expenses and care down the road. Plus, it's easier than wrapping a present. Thank you for contributing to Kentucky's future.	10% complete
Make a contribution	Invite friends or family to pitch in

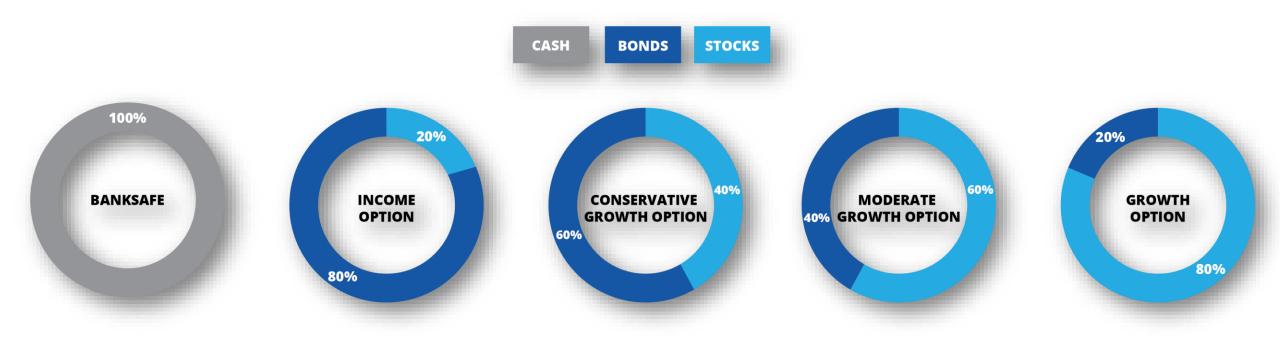
Does <u>NOT</u> count as a RESOURCE or INCOME



INVESTMENT OPTIONS

Choose From

- Four Vanguard mutual funds ranging from aggressive to conservative
- One principal-protected FDIC-Insured option





SPENDING YOUR FUNDS

Withdrawals must be used on "Qualified Disability Expenses"

Must relate to the disability + help maintain or improve health, independence, or quality of life





SPENDING FROM YOUR ACCOUNT

CHECKING & SAVINGS

Transfer to personal checking or savings

THIRD-PARTY

Pay with a Third-Party Check

THE STABLE VISA CARD

Transfer onto STABLE Visa Card



STABLE VISA CARD



LOADABLE

Provides controlled access to spending

PROTECTIONS

No overdraft, no cash access, able to limit merchants and types of expenses

TRACKS EXPENSES

Online spending records with ability to add notes

ALERTS

Notifications to monitor spending and low balances

STABLE

YOUR NAME

5342 3552 4544 2464

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DEBIT

VISA



SSI CONSIDERATIONS

Supplemental Security Income

Balances over \$100,000 count as a resource – but SSI merely suspended, not terminated

If you hold on to the money from one calendar month to the next, then housing expenditures count as resources

Accountholder's own wages still count as income even if contributed to a STABLE Account



IF ACCOUNTHOLDER PASSES AWAY

Account will pass to the accountholder's estate

The estate administrator notifies STABLE Account Customer Service and can take over account access

If the accountholder does not have a will then the account will go through normal probate process



MEDICAID SERVICES

Money in a STABLE Account is better protected from Medicaid payback than money in other accounts

Medicaid can ask for payback **in some cases**, but there are protections:

LIMITATIONS

Medicaid Payback is only from date the account was opened

OUTSTANDING BILLS

Pay any outstanding bills for QDEs

DEDUCTIONS

Deduct Medicaid Buy-In premiums you paid

FUNERAL EXPENSES

Pay for funeral and burial expenses



ACCOUNT COST

There is a minimal cost for owning a STABLE Account

Monthly Maintenance Fees

Ohio Residents **\$2.25 per month** (\$6.75 charged to your account quarterly)

All other states \$3.25 per month (\$9.75 charged to your account quarterly)

Asset-Based Fees

Ohio Residents & Partner States Between 0.19% and 0.33%

All other states **Between 0.45% and 0.59%**



STABLE ACCOUNT & SPECIAL NEEDS TRUSTS

Complementary tools that can be used together

- ✓ Trusts can make distributions to STABLE Accounts
- ✓ Trusts can accept unlimited cash and non-cash assets

Unique STABLE Account benefits

- ✓ Broader spending power (i.e. housing and food)
- ✓ State tax deduction for STABLE contributions
- ✓ No federal or state income tax on earnings
- Can be established, administered and owned by an individual with a disability



WE'RE HERE TO HELP!

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