

Washington State ABLE SAVINGS PLAN

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FACT SHEET

ABLE allows individuals with disabilities* to save money for qualified disability expenses without losing their federal benefits

*broad definition of disability - physical, mental, developmental, military-induced...

Eligibility

- Onset of disability* before age 26, and
- Meet disability requirements for SSI or SSDI, or Have a "disability certification" signed by doctor

ABLE Accounts

- Sign up online \$25 minimum to open account
- Customer call center assistance
- \$10 minimum withdrawal and contribution

Savings & Investment Options

- Save or invest, or do both!
- Savings option is FDIC-insured
- Investment options: Conservative, moderate and aggressive
- To invest, transfer at least 10% of contribution

Account Limitations

Qualified Expenses

Expenses which help improve health, independence and/or quality of life:

- Education
- Housing
- Basic Living Expenses
- Transportation
- Employment Training & Support
- Assistive Technology
- Personal Support Services
- Health, Prevention & Wellness
- Financial Management
- Legal Fees
- Funeral & Burial

Washington ABLE Program Features

Federal: \$19,000 annual contribution limit – Prepaid debit card
Federal: \$15,060 ABLE to Work contribution limit – Gifting platform
Federal: \$100,000 limit before SSI benefits are impacted – ADA+ compliant website
Washington: \$500,000 lifetime account limit

Washington State Department of Commerce ABLE Program Contacts

Washington ABLE call center toll-free at 844-600-2253 or use the chat function available at

https://www.washingtonstateable.com

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RESOURCES

Washington State ABLE Savings Plan for residents

www.Washingtonstateable.com Call center – 1-844-600-2253 from 9am–5pm PT or 1-844-888-2253 (TTY) from 6am–5pm PT

ABLE For ALL site <u>www.ableforall.com</u> for **non-residents** Call Center – 844-394-2253 Frequently Asked Questions - <u>http://ableforall.com/faqs/</u>

ABLE Today https://www.abletoday.org

ABLE National Resource Center

http://www.ablenrc.org/

CMS Implications of the ABLE Act for State Medicaid Programs https://www.medicaid.gov/federal-policy-guidance/downloads/smd17002.pdf

Developmental Disabilities Endowment Trust Fund (DDETF) http://ddetf.wa.gov/

ABLE To Work Act

ABLE to Work Act - ABLE National Resource Center (ablenrc.org)

IRS Notice of Proposed Rulemaking Guidance – Section 529A

https://www.irs.gov/irb/2015-27 IRB/ar09.html

SENIOR BULLETIN: MEDICAID & SSI

<u>Special Needs Trusts and ABLE Accounts | WashingtonLawHelp.org | Helpful information about the law in</u> <u>Washington.</u>

Social Security SI 01130.740 Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Accounts

https://secure.ssa.gov/poms.nsf/lnx/0501130740 https://www.ssa.gov/disability/professionals/bluebook/general-info.htm

Special Needs Alliance – Your Special Needs Trust Defined https://www.specialneedsalliance.org/the-voice/your-special-needs-trust-snt-defined-2/ https://www.medicaid.gov/federal-policy-guidance/downloads/smd17002.pdf

State Rules (WAC)

DSHS<u>388-470-0045</u> Cash Assistance (TANF) and <u>388-470-0055</u> Basic Food (SNAP) HCA <u>182-560-100</u> Medicaid WA Apple Heath Coverage DCYF 110 plus Working Connections Child Care <u>110-15-0022</u> and Seasonal Child Care <u>110-15-3630</u>

Treatment of ABLE Accounts in HUD-Assisted Programs (NOTICE PIH 2019-09, H-2019-06) https://www.hud.gov/sites/dfiles/PIH/documents/PIH-2019-09.pdf

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