



## A SAVINGS PLAN FOR TEXANS WITH DISABILITIES

### What Is an ABLE Account?

ABLE accounts are tax-advantaged savings accounts for eligible individuals with disabilities.

### About Texas ABLE®

The Texas Achieving a Better Life Experience (Texas ABLE®) Program is a tax-advantaged savings program that encourages and assists individuals and families to save and pay for qualified disability expenses to maintain an eligible individual's health, independence and quality of life.



*The program is administered by the Texas Prepaid Higher Education Tuition Board through the Texas Comptroller's Office.*

### Benefits

Texas ABLE accounts allow Texans with disabilities the ability to save up to \$19,000\* per year for qualified disability expenses without losing eligibility under SSI, Medicaid and certain other federal and state means-tested benefits.



Withdrawals are tax free if used to pay for qualified disability expenses, and any earnings on investments grow tax free.

*\* The expanded contribution limit for working individuals with disabilities under the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act may apply.*

### Eligibility



The program is open to Texas residents of any age whose disability occurred before the age of 26 and who meet one of the following criteria:

- Are currently receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits based on blindness or disability, or entitlement to SSI benefits has been suspended solely based on excess income or resources, or
- Have a physician's diagnosis stating that the beneficiary is blind or has a physical or mental impairment that results in marked and severe limitations that can be expected to result in death or has lasted or is expected to last at least 12 months, or
- Have a condition on the Social Security Administration's (SSA's) list of Compassionate Allowances Conditions.

### Highlights

- An eligible individual at least 18 years of age can open and manage his or her own account, or an authorized legal representative may open and manage the account for the beneficiary according to the following hierarchy: an agent under a Power of Attorney, a legal guardian or conservator, spouse, parent, brother or sister, grandparent, or representative payee appointed by the SSA.
- Any person (including your friends and family) who is a U.S. citizen or permanent resident alien or a corporation, trust, or other legal entity may contribute to the account.
- Participants can enroll and manage account funds online.
- Participants can use the U.S. Bank® Focus Card — our prepaid debit card — to pay for disability expenses on the go or online. Accepted everywhere Visa® debit cards are accepted.



## Using an ABLE Account

Funds in an ABLE account can be used to pay for qualified disability expenses that relate to the beneficiary's blindness or disability and are used to maintain or improve his or her health, independence or quality of life.

Any available funds remaining in an ABLE account after the beneficiary's death could be subject to a state of Texas reimbursement claim for medical assistance paid by Medicaid for the beneficiary during the period that their ABLE account was open.

## Qualified disability expenses may include:

Education, housing,\* transportation, employment training and support, assistive technology and personal support services, health, prevention and wellness, financial management and administrative services, legal fees, oversight and monitoring, funeral and burial and other expenses identified by the IRS.

*\* A distribution from an ABLE account for housing is an allowable expense. The withdrawal is disregarded for means-tested benefits as long as the distribution from the account and payment occur in the same month.*

## Investment Options

The program offers five different investment options. Four are Managed Allocation options — Aggressive, Moderate, Moderately Conservative and Conservative — and one is an FDIC-insured Bank Savings Account option.

Learn more and enroll at  
**TexasABLE.org**

## Contributions

The annual contribution limit for an ABLE account is \$19,000 and there is an account balance limit of \$500,000.



Medicaid eligibility is not affected by funds kept in the account. An account balance of \$100,000 or less does not impact eligibility for SSI. Certain working beneficiaries may be able to contribute above ABLE's annual contribution limit. See the Program Disclosure Statement or website for information and details.

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