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The ABLE Act is Law

The Stephen Beck, Jr. Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Act

Signed on 19 December 2014

SB 777: Oregon's ABLE Act – Senator Sara Gelser

Signed on 9 July 2015

Why ABLE?

Currently there is a \$2,000 limit to the amount an individual with a disability can save before losing vital benefits such as Medicaid and Social Security benefits

What is ABLE?

ABLE Plans:

- Are established in the new Section 529A Qualified ABLE Program
- Are qualified savings accounts that receive preferred federal tax treatment
- Enable eligible individuals and their families to save for disability related expenses without losing their benefits
- Are currently available in Ohio, Nebraska, Tennessee & Florida

Tax Implications

Contributions

 Contributions to an ABLE account are made with post-tax dollars

Federal Taxation

 Growth is tax free as long as it is used for a qualified expense

State Taxation

 Oregon will allow a state tax deduction for contributions to an ABLE account with a beneficiary under the age of 21 (\$4,620 for joint filers and \$2,310 for single filers)

Who is Eligible?

- 1. Those with an onset of disability before the age of 26
- 2. Those who:
 - Meet disability requirements for SSI or SSDI
 - Have a "disability certification"

The Fine Print

- One ABLE account per individual
- Beneficiary is the account owner
- \$14,000 limit on annual contributions
- \$100,000 limit before SSI benefits are affected
- \$310,000 limit on all assets

Medicaid Implications

Benefits

Medicaid benefits are NOT suspended if an ABLE account balance exceeds \$100,000

Payback

- Assets remaining in the ABLE account when a beneficiary passes are subject to Medicaid Recovery from the time the ABLE account was created
- Medicaid is considered a creditor (not a beneficiary)

Qualified Expenses

- Education
- Housing ***
- Transportation
- Employment Training & Support
- Assistive Technology
- Personal Support Services
- Health, Prevention & Wellness
- Financial Management
- Legal Fees
- Funeral & Burial
- Other ...

Distributions for non-qualified expenses may be penalized (tax and SSI)

What is New?

ABLE Age Adjustment Act

Adjusts the age of onset from 26 to 46 years old

ABLE Financial Planning Act

 Will allow rollovers from 529 College Saving plans to ABLE plans

ABLE to Work Act

Will allow ABLE beneficiaries to contribute \$11,770 into their ABLE account on top of the \$14,000 annual limit



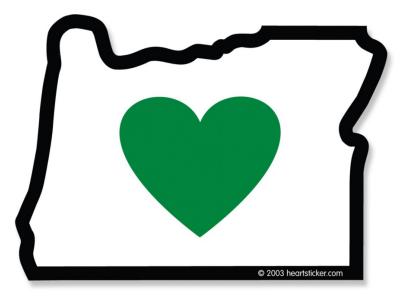
Launch in December







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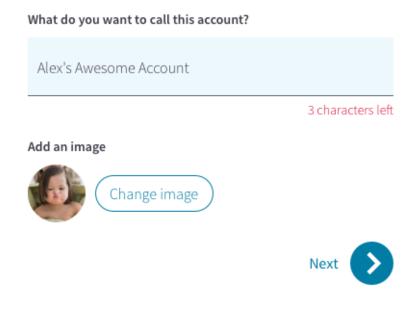
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Alex's ABLE Account

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Personalize this account

Make this account more personal by telling us more about your goals for this account and how you plan on using it.



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Investment Choices

Money added to this account after you reach your cash on hand amount will get invested, this allows your money to possibly grow over time depending on the economy and stock market.

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What investment option do you want your money invested in?

ABLE Moderate

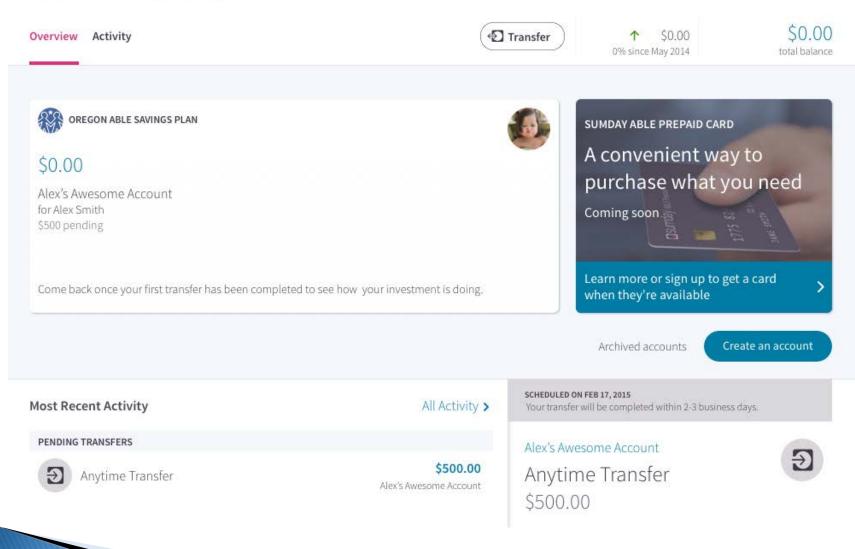
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