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What is ABLE?

- Stephen Beck, Jr. Achieving a Better Life Experience Act (2014)
- Allows for tax free savings accounts for *some* individuals with disabilities to save for Qualified Disability Expenses, and not risk losing public benefits
- Established as 529A Qualified ABLE Programs
- Assets in and distributions for qualified disability expenses will be disregarded or given special treatment in determining eligibility for most federal means-tested benefits (SSI, Medicaid)



Eligibility

You're eligible if:

- Disability was present before the age of 26; **and**
- One of the following is true:
 - You are eligible for Supplemental Security Income (SSI) because of blindness or disability; or
 - You are eligible for Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) based on blindness or disability; or
 - You “self-certify” that you have a similarly severe disability, if not receiving SSI/SSDI.

Eligible individuals can open the account for themselves, or an authorized individual can open an account on their behalf.



ABLE Self-Certification

Under self-certification you must have one of the following:

- Blindness as defined by the Social Security Act (SSA); OR
- A medically determinable physical or mental impairment with marked and severe function limitation that has lasted, or is expected to last, at least 12 continuous months or result in death;

AND

Have a written disability-related diagnosis signed by a physician.

Must recertify annually and maintain eligibility verification.



Qualified Disability Expenses

What are Qualified Disability Expenses?

These are ANY expenses that are incurred as a result of living with a disability and are intended to improve your quality of life. Qualified expenses include, but are not limited to:

- Education
- Health and wellness
- Housing
- Transportation
- Legal fees
- Financial management
- Employment training and support
- Assistive technology
- Personal support services
- Oversight and monitoring
- Funeral and burial expenses

Keep track of your expenses

***The ABLE Authority cannot provide tax or legal advice related to Qualified Disability Expenses



Special Tax Advantages

- ABLE savings may grow and be withdrawn tax-free, provided that savings are used for qualified, disability-related expenses.
- When savings are used for non-qualified expenses, the earnings portion of the withdrawal will be treated as income, so it will be taxed at the account owner's tax rate, and will be subject to a 10% federal tax penalty and applicable state taxes.
- Retirement Savings Contributions Credit ("Saver's Credit")



No Impact on Benefits

- Balances of \$100,000 or less are excluded from SSI resource limit.
- Only the amount OVER \$100,000 is counted against your limit, along with assets in non-ABLE accounts.
- If account exceeds the \$100,000 limit, then SSI benefits will be suspended until account balance no longer exceeds limit.
- Maintain Medicaid eligibility regardless of account balance.
 - (Possibility of Medicaid payback after death of account owner- only after all other outstanding disability expenses are paid).

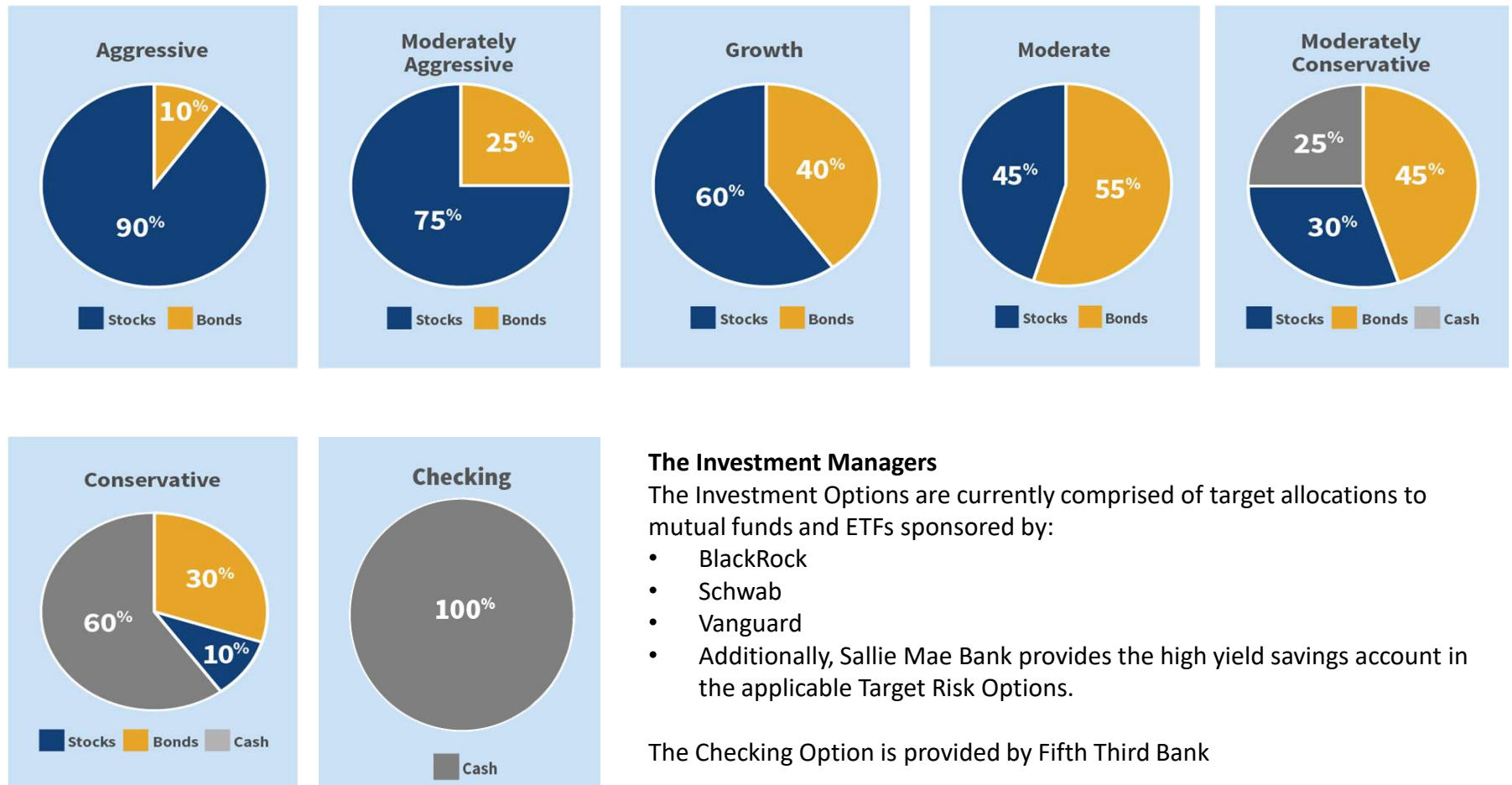


Contributions

- One account per owner, anyone can contribute – Ugift Feature
- \$15,000 annual contribution limit
- Aggregate savings may not exceed state limit for 529 savings - \$450,000 for Indiana account holders
- Rollovers – 529 to 529A accounts
- ABLE to Work – contribute over \$15,000, up to poverty level



Easy-to-Understand Investments



The Investment Managers

The Investment Options are currently comprised of target allocations to mutual funds and ETFs sponsored by:

- BlackRock
- Schwab
- Vanguard
- Additionally, Sallie Mae Bank provides the high yield savings account in the applicable Target Risk Options.

The Checking Option is provided by Fifth Third Bank



Low-Cost Investment Options

- Open an account with as little as \$25.

Fees

- .34% to .37% annual asset-based fees on investment options
- \$5/month account maintenance fee
- \$1.25/month discount for e-delivery
- *Summary: \$60/year or \$45/year maintenance fee if enrolled in e-delivery*

Checking Option

- \$2.00/month if you are invested in the Checking Option
- This fee is waived if:
 - Your Account has an average daily balance over \$250
 - OR
 - You are enrolled in electronic statement delivery with Fifth Third.



What is the special stimulus payment I am receiving?

- One time payment of \$1,200 to spend any way you want.
- If you receive monthly Social Security benefits you will get the stimulus payment the same way.
- MUST be spent within 12 months. Otherwise, it will count as an asset and could reduce your benefits.
- You can put all or part of your stimulus payment into an ABLE account. You don't have to worry about spending the money right away if you don't need to.
- Enjoy the benefits of flexible usage of ABLE account.



Enrollment

- Go online: in.savewithable.com
- **Read the Program Disclosure Statement**
- **Choose the best Investment Option for you**
- **Gather information to enroll:**
 - Residential street address
 - Social security or taxpayer identification number
 - Birth date
 - Your personal bank account number (to pre-schedule contributions from your personal checking or savings account)
- Who is opening the account: Eligible Individual or Authorized Individual.
- Open an account with as little as \$25.
- Verification that the Eligible Individual has a qualifying disability (self-verification).



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Learn more about the Program

Request an information kit

Enroll online

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