# STABLE® ACCOUNT

ADMINISTERED BY THE
OFFICE OF OHIO TREASURER ROBERT SPRAGUE



### WHAT IS ABLE?

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

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

SSI





# WHAT IS ABLE?

**ABLE** accounts have hybrid functionality

**529 College Savings** 

**Checking Account** 

**Special Needs Trust** 



### 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 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





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

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

#### PLUS ONE 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. 10 minutes)

\$25 minimum opening deposit



# **ENROLLMENT** Can be completed by:

Individual with a disability (Accountholder)

OR

# Authorized Legal Representative (ALR) Agent under a Power of Attorney Conservator / Legal Guardian

☐ Parent

Spouse

- Sibling
- ☐ Grandparent
- Social Security Representative Payee

... in that order, and that there is no other willing and able person with a higher priority as listed above to establish the ABLE account.



# FUNDING YOUR ACCOUNT

**EFT** (Electronic Funds Transfer)

Check

Payroll Direct Deposit



# FUNDING YOUR ACCOUNT

#### IF NOT EMPLOYED

\$18,000 per year from all sources

#### IF EMPLOYED

Up to \$32,580 per year

#### LIFETIME LIMIT

\$541,000 balance limit

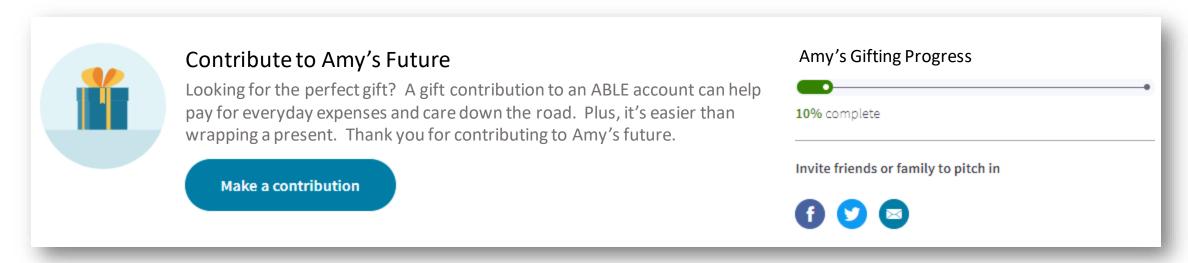
System automatically rejects excess contributions





# GIFTING PAGE

Allows anyone to give financial gifts...directly into the STABLE account



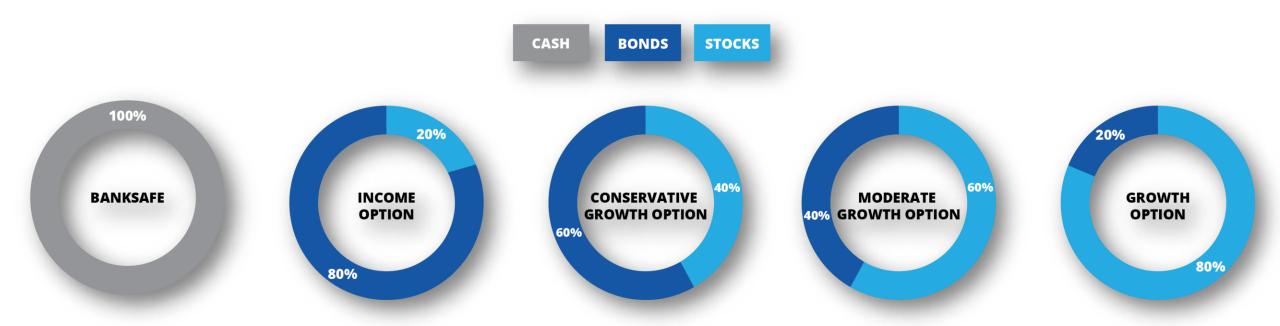
### Does NOT count as a RESOURCE or INCOME



# INVESTMENT OPTIONS

#### **Choose From**

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





# SPENDING YOUR FUNDS

Withdrawals should be used on "Qualified Disability Expenses"

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







Transportation



sing & Rent











# **SPENDING** FROM YOUR ACCOUNT

#### **CHECKING & SAVINGS**

Transfer to personal checking or savings

#### **CHECK WITHDRAWAL**

Send to home address or Third-Party

#### THE STABLE VISA CARD

Transfer onto STABLE Visa Card



# STABLE VISA CARD



The STABLE Visa Card is a loadable card that can be used anywhere Visa is accepted

#### **LOADABLE**

Provides controlled access to spending

#### TRACKS EXPENSES

Online spending records with ability to add notes

#### **PROTECTIONS**

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

#### **ALERTS**

Notifications to monitor spending and low balances



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

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

\$15.00 per year (\$3.75 charged to your account quarterly)

All other states

\$27.00 per year (\$6.75 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**

- ✓ 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!**

CUSTOMER SERVICE INFORMATION



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