



DELAWARE ABLE PLAN

DEPENDABLE

Security for the future™

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To all of your abilities, now add the ability to save. The Achieving a Better Life Experience Act (ABLE) of 2014 allows individuals with disabilities and their families to save for many daily, disability-related expenses on a *tax-deferred* basis – without limiting their ability to benefit from supplemental security income (SSI), Medicaid and other federal programs.



A message from the Office of the State Treasurer:

“Delaware’s ABLE plan allows individuals with disabilities to access a better quality of life without jeopardizing other important government benefits. The ABLE plan creates a strong fiscal future for account holders, while providing a sense of stability and place for family and friends to lend support.”

– Colleen C. Davis, Delaware State Treasurer

Making saving easier helps make life better.

ABLE savings may grow and be withdrawn tax-free, provided that savings are used for qualified, disability-related expenses.

Plan highlights

Special tax advantages

- Earnings on your investments are federally tax-deferred, maximizing your return.
- Withdrawals are federally tax-free, if used for qualified disability expenses.¹

No impact on current benefits

- Balances of \$100,000 or less are excluded from the SSI resource limit; only the amount OVER \$100,000 is counted against your SSI resource limit, whether alone or in combination with other resources.
- If you exceed your SSI resource limit, your SSI benefits will be suspended until the ABLE account balance no longer exceeds your resource limit.²
- You'll continue to be eligible for Medicaid, regardless of your account balance.³

User-friendly

- Open an account online with as little as \$25.
- Access your account by phone or online 24/7 from a PC, tablet or mobile device.
- Select the checking option to easily access your funds via a debit card.
- Anyone can contribute to your account. With the easy-to-use Ugift® feature, friends, family - and even members of the public - can give meaningful gifts too!

High maximums

Contribute up to \$15,000 per year. Account balance limit: \$350,000.

Low fees

The annualized investment costs on assets per investment option range from 0.34% to 0.37%, depending on which investment option(s) you select. The account is charged an account maintenance fee of \$15 per quarter. This fee can be discounted by \$3.75 per quarter if you select email delivery for statements and confirmations. This fee can be discounted by another \$1.25 if the Account Owner or Authorized Individual is a resident of Delaware.

If you are invested in the checking option, an additional monthly service charge of \$2 will be applied to your account. This fee is waived if your account has an average daily balance over \$250 or if you select electronic statement delivery with Fifth Third Bank.

¹Earnings on non-qualified withdrawals may be subject to federal income tax and a 10% federal penalty tax, as well as applicable state and local income taxes.

²Please see the Plan Disclosure Documents for complete details on SSI suspension and any requirements on when you use the funds to prevent suspension of benefits.

³Upon death, ABLE funds can be used by the beneficiary's estate to pay for outstanding qualified expenses, including funeral and burial costs. Remaining funds will be transferred to the estate and may be subject to Medicaid "clawback." House Bill 145 (2017) prohibits Delaware Medicaid from recouping certain Medicaid funds spent on behalf of a deceased beneficiary. Delaware Medicaid may be obligated under federal law to recoup funds spent on behalf of a deceased beneficiary over the age of 55, or funds expended for certain beneficiaries in nursing or intermediate care facilities or similar institutions. For more information, consult the Plan Disclosure document.



Who's eligible?

You can open the account for yourself, or an authorized individual can open one on your behalf, if:

- Your disability was present before the age of 26; and
- One of the following is true:
 - You experience blindness as determined by the Social Security Act; or
 - You are entitled to receive Social Security disability benefits (SSI or SSDI) or have a similarly severe disability and possess a written diagnosis from a licensed physician.

(To open an account you must certify that you have a physical or mental disability that can be expected to last for at least a year or can cause death; or you are blind; or your disability is included on the Social Security Administration's List of Compassionate Allowances Conditions; and such blindness or disability occurred before age 26.)

What are Qualified Disability Expenses?

These are any expenses that (1) are incurred at a time when the Account Owner is an Eligible Individual, (2) relate to the blindness or disability of the Account Owner, and (3) are for the benefit of the Account Owner in maintaining or improving his or her health, independence or quality of life. Qualified expenses include, but are not limited to:

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| • Education | • Employment training and support |
| • Health and wellness | • Assistive technology |
| • Housing | • Personal support services |
| • Transportation | • Oversight and monitoring |
| • Legal fees | • Funeral and burial expenses |
| • Financial management | • Basic living 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.)

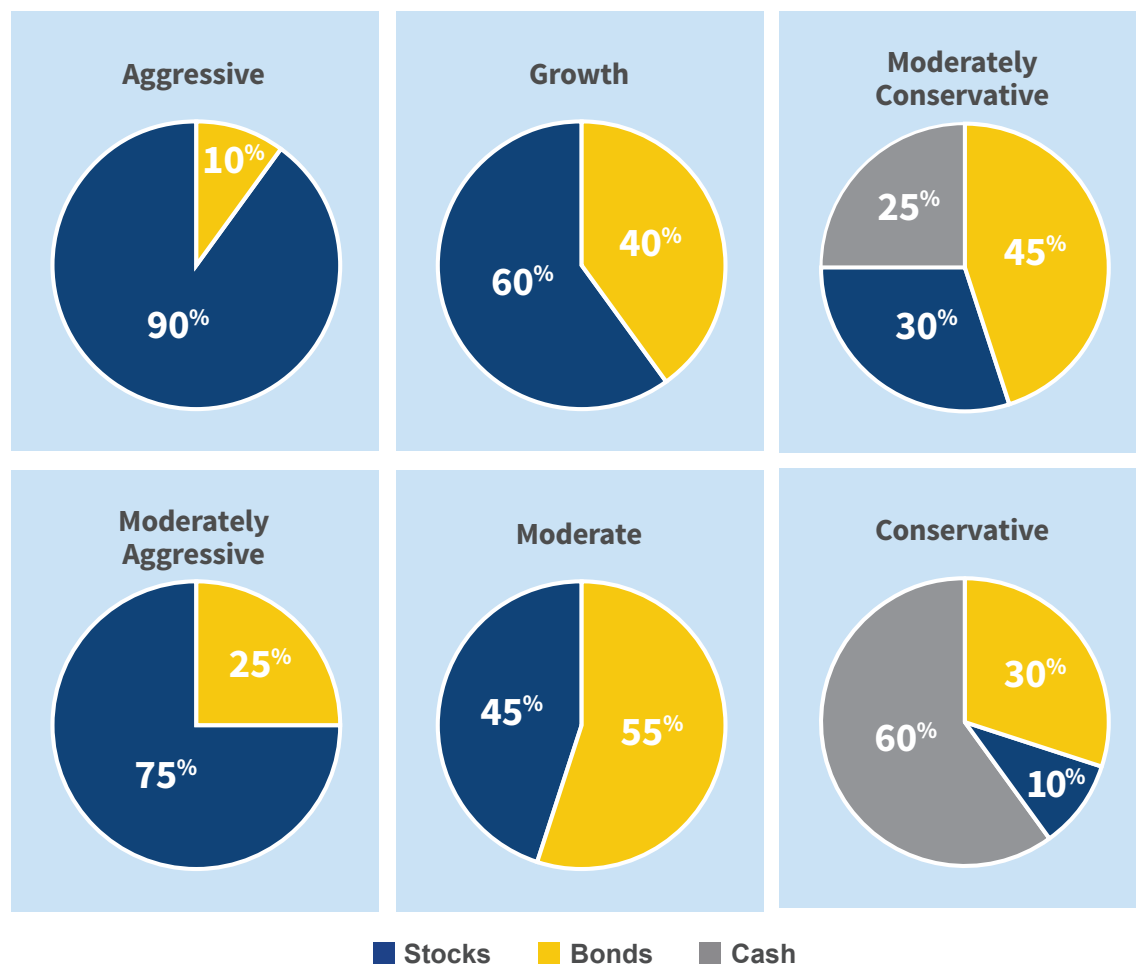
Investment options to fit your needs.

DEPENDABLE offers a range of investment options to match both your goals and comfort with risk.

DEPENDABLE offers investment options that meet your needs - based on your unique plans and risk tolerance. Visit able.delaware.gov to learn more about the options available.

You can also contribute to an FDIC-insured checking account (through Fifth Third Bank) that lets you withdraw money using a debit card or by writing a check. This allows you to easily use your funds for everyday expenses related to your disability.

Portfolio Options



Accounts in the Member Plan are not guaranteed or insured by the Member State, the Member State Administrator, the Trust, the Administrator, the Member Plan or the Program Manager. You could lose money by investing in the Member Plan. The checking option is FDIC insured.

Frequently Asked Questions

Do I have to prove eligibility?

No. To open an account, you must certify that you have a physical or mental disability that can be expected to last for at least a year or can cause death; or you are blind; or your disability is included on the Social Security Administration's List of Compassionate Allowances Conditions; and such blindness or disability occurred before age 26. You should have a record of the doctor's signed diagnosis, a benefits verification letter from the Social Security Administration or other relevant documentation for account verification, as needed.

Do I have to prove that withdrawals are for qualified disability expenses?

Not at the time of the withdrawal. Annually, DEPENDABLE will report the total amount of your withdrawals to the IRS and the date and amount of each of your withdrawals to the Social Security Administration. In the event that either entity wants to verify the expenses, it's recommended that you keep detailed records.

Can I have more than one DEPENDABLE account?

No. You're limited to one ABLE account, except in the case of a rollover from another qualified ABLE program. This extends beyond DEPENDABLE to include accounts in other ABLE programs.

In the case of a rollover to an ABLE account for the same account owner, the account from which the funds are withdrawn must be closed within 60 days of the withdrawal.

Can friends and family make contributions into my account?

Absolutely. Anyone can contribute directly to your DEPENDABLE account. No matter who contributes, you, the account owner or authorized individual, retain control over the account. With the easy-to-use Ugift feature, anyone can contribute to your account.

How often can I change my investments?

Twice per calendar year. You can change your investment options for any NEW contributions at any time.



Get started with just a few clicks.

It only takes a few minutes to open a DEPENDABLE account:

- Read the Plan Disclosure Documents for important details.
- Enroll at able.delaware.gov

We're here to help.

Call us: 1-888-609-8914, Monday – Friday, 8:00 am - 5:00 pm ET

Email us: de.clientservice@savewithable.com

Contact us by mail:

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P.O. Box 419201
Kansas City, MO 64141

Overnight Delivery:

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Suite 900
Kansas City, MO 64105



For more information about DEPENDABLE (the “Member Plan”), call 1-888-609-8914, or visit able.delaware.gov to obtain Plan Disclosure Documents, which include investment objectives, risks, charges, expenses, and other important information; read and consider it carefully before investing.

Investors should consider before investing whether their home state offers any state tax or other benefits that are only available for investments in such state’s qualified ABLE program. Investors should consult their legal, tax advisor and/or other advisor regarding their specific legal, investment or tax situation.

The Member Plan is sponsored by the state of Delaware and administered by the Delaware Plans Management Board. The Member Plan is one of the qualified ABLE plans issued by the ABLE Consortium Trust. Ascensus College Savings Recordkeeping Services, LLC, the Program Manager, and its affiliates have overall responsibility for the day-to-day operations, including investment advisory, recordkeeping and administrative services. The Member Plan offers a series of investment options within the ABLE Consortium Trust. The Member Plan is intended to operate as a qualified ABLE plan to be used only to save for Qualified Disability Expenses, pursuant to the Section 529A of the U.S. Internal Revenue Code, as amended.

Investment returns will vary depending upon the performance of the Investment Options you choose. You could lose all or a portion of your money by investing in the Member Plan depending on market conditions. Account Owners assume all investment risks as well as responsibility for any federal and state tax consequences.

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Investments are not FDIC-insured (except for the Checking Option). No bank, state or federal guarantee. Investments may lose value.

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The National ABLE Alliance is a partnership of States focused on offering people with disabilities an ABLE investment product with low-cost financial options.