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Chambliss Law Firm Monthly Editorial

ABLE Account or Special Needs Trust – Which One Is Best?

by Rebecca Miller

Saving money for a loved one with a disability can be challenging because of the \$2,000 resource limit for eligibility for means-tested governmental benefits like Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Medicaid. In the past, a special needs trust, sometimes called a supplemental needs trust ("SNT") was the most common way to save money without jeopardizing benefits. The passage of the Achieving a Better Life Experience Act (ABLE) in 2014 created another option for saving – the ABLE account. [\[Click to read the full story.\]](#)

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Kiddie Tax Changes May Increase Burden for Families

Major changes to the "kiddie tax" could significantly increase assets placed in special needs trusts if the trust's beneficiary income the trust earns is high enough. [Read more](#)



Some Non-English Speakers Would Lose Disability Benefits Proposal

A new Social Security Administration proposal would make people who don't speak English to qualify for disability benefits the disability rolls by more than 10,000 people. [Read more](#)

As E-Scooters Spread, California Disability Advocates



Sidewalk

Three different lawsuits filed in southern California in the past year show that popular new urban mobility devices are a danger to pedestrians with disabilities. [Read more](#)