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## **Learn about 529 ABE savings plans for disability-related expenses, August 22**

Do you have a disability or care for someone with a disability? Want to learn more about a powerful new investment vehicle to help families and individuals pay for disability-related expenses? On **August 22, from 12 - 1 p.m. in the Randolph Conference Center**, a representative from Virginia's ABLEnow program will give a presentation on 529 ABE accounts. These accounts provide tax-free earnings that qualified people with disabilities can use to pay for short- and long-term disability needs. They work similarly to 529 college savings accounts. Check [the Weekly article](#) for more information.

In addition to helping you save, money put toward 529 Able accounts does not count toward the savings and assets ceiling that Medicaid and Supplemental Security Income requires. Funds can be used for a range of needs such as housing (including mortgage payments), health care, transportation, and education. The accounts are made possible by the Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Act signed into law in 2014.

The hour-long event will be held in the Randolph Conference Center and [online, via WebEx](#), and with closed caption. Before you go, visit [the ABLE National Resource Center](#) so you can come prepared with your questions. Also, read "[A Closer Look at 529 Able Accounts](#)" in the New York Times.

This event is sponsored by ResponsAbility, the USPTO's affinity group for disability awareness and action and the Patent and Trademark Office Society (PTOS) and is part of the PTOS financial seminar series. For more information, contact [Alex Camarota](#) or [Angela Nguyen](#).