

Questions and Answers from 2-27-25 Webinar

<p>Can you put treasury bonds into able accounts when cashing them and not get penalized and being considered income?</p>	<p>If you cash them out, they will be considered to be income in the month you cash them out.</p>
<p>How does it affect the person with disability SSI when being under guardianship. Do they look at the parent income?</p>	<p>If the recipient is an adult with disabilities, the parents' income will not be deemed to the SSI recipient. However, they will consider if the parent is subsidizing care. Jayme will discuss ways around that.</p>
<p>So if a funeral trust is non-guaranteed and is NOT irrevocable, does it and/or interest earned on the account count as income/assets?</p>	<p>If I understand your question, because you retain control and can use it as you see fit, it is counted as income and assets.</p>
<p>Is there any place we can get the rules and formulas to calculate and understand how much we can get depending our situation?</p>	<p>Jayme is addressing this, but in general, it is case by case. In general, a disabled adult child will receive 50% of the parent's retirement or Social Security during the parent's lifetime. Upon the parent's death,, he may receive up to 75%. However, there is a family maximum.</p>
<p>If you charge your child rent and develop a business agreement, how does that impact your taxes since it is income to you as a parent.</p>	<p>You should claim it as income, but you will also be able to write off the rent expenses.</p>
<p>If parents have not paid into Social Security (parents are educators who pay into Teacher Retirement System), the adult child cannot access SSDI after the parent passes away, correct?</p>	<p>If the parent has not paid into SSA, then the child cannot receive benefits off of their work record with SSA. The child may be able to receive TRS benefits if he or she was disabled and dependent (claimed on taxes) on the parent at the parent's death.</p>
<p>Can you tell more about the deductions for job coach, travel, etc when you child starts working. How do you report it?</p>	<p>You would report it to SSI each month. Keep proof you have sent it in.</p>
<p>How can ABLE account help with 1/3 reduction rule of SSI?</p>	<p>Because the 1/3 reduction is if someone else subsidizes the care of an SSI recipient. The ABLE account is deemed to be the recipient's own (non-countable) funds so he or she is paying for his or her own care out of his or her own funds.</p>

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do we have to show a similar spend down for SSDI	No. But the recipient cannot earn over Substantial Gainful Activity.
Can you please discuss what happens to the Able account once the person dies, what do we as guardians need to do after the fact. Thank you in advance.	Depending on the type of benefits received, there may be a payback. You must contact the Bureau of Collections to ask if there is a payback.
Can SSDI \$ go towards moms car payment to drive them around to docs, pt, etc?	Yes, if the car is used for the benefit of the child, then the child may reimburse or partially pay for a car payment.
When Jayme said getting CDB does not impact Medicaid, that means there is still no spenddown for Medicaid?	Yes, but you may need to educate the DHS representative.
For funds to be used for vacations, does that include money spent on dining out during vacations? It was my understanding that food, including purchases from restaurants, could not be paid for by special needs trusts, etc?	The law has changed as of September 24, 2024.
Son's dad passed away and left some of his pension to son. Will go into an IRA. Will that affect his SSDI benefit?	No, it will not impact SSDI.
Can you discuss why a Trust management company like Day One Pact life management cannot also be a payee rep? Is there a place where I can see who and who cannot become a payee rep?	I am not sure if there is a list.
Are groceries considered part of Basic Living Expenses as a way to supplement SNAP benefits?	If you are asking regarding distributions from an ABLE account or an SNT, you can use distributions from either an ABLE or SNT for groceries. The law changed in September, 2024 in regards to distributions for groceries from an SNT.
Thanks Sheri, can you please clarify what the current law states about food purchases through a SNT?	Distributions for Food is no longer counted towards In Kind Maintenance and Support (ISM). ISM is seen as a subsidy to an SSI recipient and

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	<p>therefore, the subsidy causes the loss a portion of SSI. Now distributions for food are not counted as ISM so are not seen as subsidies.</p>
<p>I heard from WIPA that DHS still pays Medicare premiums when someone receives CDB even when no longer qualifying for Medicare Savings Program. So if someone is currently a QMB and then receives too much CDB for any MSP, they would only pay copays and deductibles.</p>	
<p>Our Special Needs Trust was created before we had an IL Able account. Do I need the attorney to update the trust to state trust funds can be transferred to the IL Able account?</p>	<p>It is a good idea to periodically meet with your attorney to update the SNT. I would recommend that you update the trust to provide for ABLE account distributions but also to double check whether or not it also needs updated because of the change in the law regarding qualified retirement benefits.</p>
<p>Is there any help to a single parent of a minor severely disabled child? I had to quit my job to care for my son and they are saying there is no help for me until my son turns 18. SSI deducts child support and is not enough to support anyone in 2025. I don't get to pay into SS anymore or receive any child credits because I am unable to work.</p>	<p>Consider getting a court order to pay the child support to an OBRA '93 trust (1st party SNT). Then the child support would not be deducted from SSI. Also, check to see if there is a Medicaid waiver program that your child would qualify for.</p>
<p>There is an individual who have a disability and the guardian is the brother and soon the sister too. Both parents are deceased. How different would it effect the individual with disability? for SSI and Medicaid</p>	
<p>What language should be used in a standard will and trust to protect the possibility of future need for government benefits for an individual? (not sure if benefits will</p>	

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be needed - but how can we protect for that now?)	
Can/when does someone receive both SSI and SSDI?	live answered
Can a young man who receives SSI have a credit card?	live answered
It seems like the best way to safe money for the beneficiary is the Third Party SNT to avoid payback?	Yes, but it has to be a third party's money that funds the SNT. A beneficiary cannot fund his or her own third party SNT.
I'm receiving disability right now due to ESRD and my son is 22 and receiving SSI. What will I do?	live answered