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## **ABLE Account Holders Eligible For Tax Credit This Season** *Many ABLE Account Contributors Now Oualify for Saver's Credit*

This tax season, individuals putting money into Achieving a Better Life Experience (ABLE) Accounts may qualify for a notable tax credit. Under the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, certain

Accounts may qualify for a notable tax credit. Under the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, certain designated beneficiaries of tax advantaged ABLE accounts became eligible for the <u>Saver's</u> <u>Credit</u>.

The Saver's Credit, which is designed to help low- and moderate- income Americans, can be applied to up to \$2,000 in ABLE contributions for eligible individuals. The credit can be claimed on Form 880, Credit for Qualified Retirement Savings Contributions, by individuals who meet the following three requirements:

- Are at least 18 years old at the close of the taxable year
- Are not a dependent or full-time student
- Meet the income requirements

"I am pleased that eligibility for the Saver's Credit was extended to many ABLE participants starting last year," said **National Association of State Treasurers (NAST) President and Massachusetts State Treasurer and Receiver General Deborah B. Goldberg.** "It is an important change that will help equalize the playing field for many individuals here in Massachusetts and throughout our country."

"The Saver's Credit will make a significant difference in the lives of many ABLE account holders by providing them with additional opportunities to plan and save for their retirement," said **NAST ABLE Committee Chair and California State Treasurer Fiona Ma**. "Unfortunately, <u>data</u> shows that fewer than 4 in 10 Americans are aware of the Saver's Credit, so we must continue working hard to spread the word about this significant saving opportunity."

In addition to the newly eligible ABLE account holders, the Saver's Credit is available to workers age 18 or older who have contributed to a 401(k), 403(b) or similar employer-sponsored, or a traditional or Roth IRA, and meet the Adjusted Gross Income (AGI) requirements. More information regarding eligibility can be found <u>here</u>.

#### **About National Association of State Treasurers**

The National Association of State Treasurers provides advocacy and support that enables member states to pursue and administer sound financial policies and programs benefiting the citizens of the nation. Membership is composed of all state treasurers or state finance officials with comparable responsibilities from the United States, its commonwealths, territories, and the District of Columbia. The private sector is represented through the Corporate Affiliate Program that was established to build professional relationships and foster cooperation between the public and private sectors. The association serves its members through educational conferences and webinars, a variety of working groups, policy advocacy, and publications that provide information about developments in public finance. For more information, visit <u>www.nast.org</u>.

#### **About ABLE**

The Stephen Beck, Jr. Achieving a Better Life Experience Act (ABLE Act) became law on December 19, 2014. The ABLE Act creates a new option for some people with disabilities and their families to save for the future, while protecting eligibility for public benefits. ABLE plans can change the way individuals with disabilities and their families participate in the community, build financial wellness, and plan for the future by empowering them to save and invest for the added expenses that come with having a disability without losing access to federal means-tested benefits.

ABLE accounts foster person-centered independence, build self-reliance, encourage employment, and improve quality of life. Contributions to ABLE accounts can come from earnings, family, friends, and other sources. Earnings on ABLE accounts are tax-deferred, and withdrawals are tax-free if they are used for qualified expenses. As of December 31, 2019, 42 states and the District of Columbia offer ABLE plans and more than \$354 million has been saved in 56,632 accounts nationwide.