



IAble Accounts and Special Needs Trusts¹

A General Comparison

	IAble Account	Special Needs Trust		
		3rd Party Trust	1st Party Trust ²	Pooled Trust
Who Can Establish	An IAble-eligible person with a disability (“Account Owner”) or their Authorized Individual.	Only a third party, like a parent or grandparent.	Generally, a parent, grandparent, conservator, or a representative with authority from the court. In some cases, the person with a disability.	Generally, the person with a disability, or their parent, grandparent, conservator, or representative with authority from the court.
For Whose Benefit	An IAble-eligible person with a disability, also known as the IAble Account Owner.	A person with a disability.	A person with a disability who is under the age of 65 when the trust is funded.	
Who Controls	The person with a disability and/or their Authorized Individual.	A trustee: anyone except the beneficiary or their spouse may be trustee.		Non-profit pooled trust organization as trustee.
Funded By	Any source, including from assets belonging to the Account Owner, or from others: e.g., earnings, gift money, third-party contributions, legal settlements, proceeds from fundraisers, payroll deductions, etc.	Any source except from assets belonging to the person with a disability.	Only assets that belong to the person with a disability.	1st party funded only with assets belonging to the person with a disability. 3rd party funded with assets from any source except assets belonging to the person with a disability.
Federal Taxation	Tax free earnings and withdrawals if funds are used for Qualified Disability Expenses. ³	Taxed as a trust.		
Distribution Upon Death of Beneficiary	The Account Owner’s estate or a successor Account Owner after funeral and burial expenses paid. Medicaid has authority to recover assets in certain cases required by federal law.	Named beneficiaries in the Trust.	Medicaid recovery first, then to named beneficiaries.	Determined by the terms of the pooled trust.
Contribution Limits	If the Account Owner is not employed, up to \$18,000.00 ¹ annually; if Account Owner receives wages, additional contributions are permitted; see Plan Disclosure Booklet .	None.		
Total Asset Limits	\$420,000.00; Up to \$100,000 is excluded for SSI benefit qualifications.	None.		
Fees	Generally lower management fees; self-directed enrollment; see Plan Disclosure Booklet .	Variable preparation & management fees.		Variable management fees, determined by the pool trustee.



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²1st Party Trusts are also referred to as self-settled trusts.

³Refer to the Plan Disclosure Booklet for more information on Qualified Disability Expenses.

ⁱ Adjusted annually for inflation