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The Impact of ABLE Accounts on Eligibility for Section 8 Housing

On April 26, 2019, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) issued [a Notice](#) to state housing agencies concerning the impact of ABLE accounts on eligibility for Section 8 vouchers, public housing and a host of other federal housing programs.

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Moving? Make Sure Your Special Needs Planning Moves With You

If you are thinking about moving to another state with your child, or if your child has grown up and is moving to another state, provisions in your child's special needs trust may no longer be applicable.

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Push for Medicaid Work Requirements Encounters Headwinds

Efforts by the federal government and some states to require certain Medicaid beneficiaries to work in order to maintain eligibility for benefits has run into a series of obstacles, both in the courts and in state legislatures.

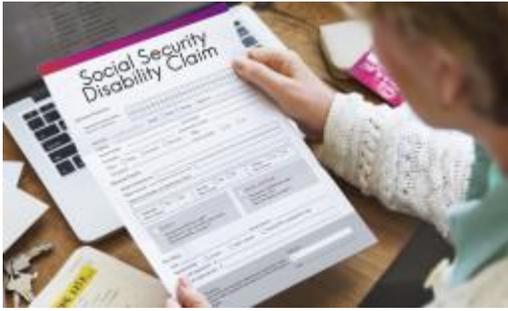
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ABLE Accounts Still Slow to Gain Traction

Only a small fraction of those eligible for new savings accounts for people with disabilities are using them, according to disability advocates.

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Social Security Disability Benefits: An Overview

Social Security offers two distinctly separate disability benefit programs with different purposes, eligibility requirements, and benefit levels.

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Disability Advocates Wary of Proposed Medicaid Funding Changes

A recent push by the federal government to change Medicaid's funding structure is raising concerns among disability rights advocates that the effort will slash funding for necessary services.

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Stormy Daniels Lawyer Michael Avenatti Charged with Embezzling \$4 Million Intended for Special Needs Trust

California attorney Michael Avenatti has been charged with stealing from the settlements of clients, among them a paraplegic who was waiting for Avenatti to deposit his settlement funds into a special needs trust (SNT).

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An Up to \$7,500 Tax Credit for the Elderly and Disabled

Low-income seniors and people with disabilities could save up to \$7,500 this year through the Senior Tax Credit for the Elderly and Disabled.

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Some Non-English Speakers Would Lose Disability Benefits Under SSA Proposal

A new Social Security Administration proposal would make it more difficult for people who don't speak English to qualify for disability benefits, potentially reducing the disability rolls by more than 10,000 people

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As E-Scooters Spread, California Disability Advocates Sue over Right to the Sidewalk

Three different lawsuits filed in southern California in the past few months allege that popular new urban mobility devices are a danger to people with disabilities.

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SSA Proposes to End the Option to Appeal a Benefits Denial in Person

The Social Security Administration is seeking to conduct essentially all appeals for people denied disability benefits via video conference, despite concerns from advocates that many claimants will not be able to participate by video.

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Children's Deaths at N.J. Nursing Home Underscore Enforcement Shortcomings

A virus outbreak at a New Jersey nursing home that killed 11 children has focused attention on enforcement of basic health and sanitary standards at facilities, particularly those with ventilator-dependent children.

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Survey Ranks Nearly 200 Cities on Friendliness to People with Special Needs

The consumer finance website WalletHub presents its latest annual “Best & Worst Cities for People with Disabilities” report.

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Report Says Many with Disabilities Aren't Protected From New State Medicaid Work Requirements

A new report suggests that many people with disabilities will lose Medicaid coverage if their state imposes work requirements.

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New Law Mandates Creation of a Bill of Rights for Air Travelers with Disabilities

In a groundbreaking development, a new law directs the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to create a bill of rights for passengers with disabilities.

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2018 Midterms Raise Accessibility Concerns

As the midterm elections approach, disability rights advocates are increasingly concerned about whether all eligible voters with disabilities will, in fact, have the opportunity to exercise their right to vote.

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