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## **Texas Launches ABLE Program**

The ABLE National Resource Center, managed by National Disability Institute (NDI), recently announced that the State of Texas has launched the Texas ABLE Program. The Texas ABLE Program is managed by NorthStar Financial Services Group, LLC and maintained by the Texas Prepaid Higher Education Tuition Board, with assistance from the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts. The Texas ABLE Program will only be available to eligible Texas residents with disabilities.

The Texas ABLE Program allows qualified individuals with disabilities to save up to \$15,000 a year in an ABLE account without jeopardizing their eligibility for federally-funded means-tested benefits, such as Supplemental Security Income (SSI) and Medicaid. The