

TBI Facts*

- Traumatic brain injury (TBI) is a leading cause of injury, death and disability in the United States, and persons of all ages, races/ethnicities, and incomes are affected.
- An estimated 1.7 million people sustain a TBI annually.
- TBI can cause a wide range of functional changes affecting thinking, language, learning, emotions, behavior, and/or sensation.
- The leading causes of TBI are falls, motor vehicle-traffic crashes, being struck by or against something, and assault.
- Every year, as a result of TBI:
 - 3,600 West Virginians are hospitalized
 - 700 West Virginians die
 - 600 West Virginians experience a long term disability.

* www.cdc.gov/TraumaticBrainInjury/statistics.html

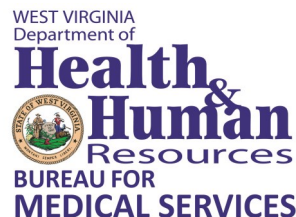
* www.brainline.org/content/2008/07/facts-about-traumatic-brain-injury.html

A Medicaid program providing community-based supports and services for individuals with traumatic brain injury (TBI).



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The Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Waiver Program

What is the TBI Waiver Program?

The West Virginia Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Waiver program provides home and community-based services to those with traumatic brain injury. These services are provided in conjunction with the support and assistance of family members, friends, and other supports.

Eligibility Requirements

Applicants already at home or in the community can be considered. It is no longer required that an applicant be inpatient at the time of application. In order to be eligible for TBI Waiver services, an applicant must:

- Be twenty-two (22) years of age or older,
- Be a permanent resident of West Virginia,
- Have a traumatic brain injury (a non-degenerative, non-congenital insult to the brain caused by an external physical force resulting in total or partial functional disability and/or psychosocial impairment),
- Require the same level of care as would be provided in a nursing facility,
- Score at a Level VII or below on the Rancho Los Amigos Levels of Cognitive Functioning Scale,
- Meet the Medicaid Waiver financial eligibility criteria for the program as determined by Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR), and
- Choose to participate in the TBI Waiver Program as an alternative to a nursing facility.

What are the TBI Waiver Program Services?

All services provided by the TBI Waiver Program are intended to promote choice, independence, participant-direction, respect, dignity and community integration.

TBI Waiver Services Include:

Case Management

- Assists and supports program members in obtaining access to needed services through the waiver, other Medicaid State Plan services, and available community supports.

Personal Attendant Services and Transportation

- Provides assistance to program members in their own homes and communities with activities of daily living.

Cognitive Rehabilitation Therapy

- Assists program members in achieving functional change by reinforcing, strengthening, or reestablishing previously learned patterns of behavior.

Participant-Directed Goods & Services

- Provides equipment, services or supplies for program members choosing personal options (self-direction) that address an identified need in the member's service plan.



How to Apply for the TBI Waiver Program

Applicants must:

- Complete a Medical Necessity Evaluation Request (MNER) form to start the application process. The MNER must be completed and signed by the applicant or legal guardian and by a physician or neuropsychologist.
- Submit the completed and signed MNER form to APS Healthcare for review. Anyone can submit the completed and signed form.
- Participate in a medical eligibility assessment. APS Healthcare will schedule the assessment to determine medical eligibility for the Program once it is determined that the MNER is complete and the applicant has a documented TBI, is at least 22 years old, and is a permanent West Virginia resident.