

# TBI Facts\*

- Traumatic brain injury (TBI) is a leading cause of injury, death and disability in the United States for persons of all ages, races/ethnicities and incomes.
- An estimated 1.7 million people in the U.S. 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:
  - 3,000 West Virginians are hospitalized,
  - 420 West Virginians die, and
  - 600 West Virginians experience a long term disability.

- \* [www.cdc.gov/TraumaticBrainInjury/statistics.html](http://www.cdc.gov/TraumaticBrainInjury/statistics.html)
- \* [www.brainline.org/content/2008/07/facts-about-traumatic-brain-injury.html](http://www.brainline.org/content/2008/07/facts-about-traumatic-brain-injury.html)
- \* <http://publichealth.hsc.wvu.edu/icrc/publications/other-publications/burden-of-injury-in-west-virginia>

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



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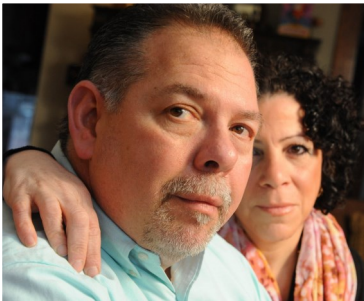
**The Traumatic  
Brain Injury (TBI)  
Waiver Program**

## 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 caregivers.

### TBI Waiver Services Include:

- **Case Management:** Assists and supports program participants with accessing needed services through the waiver, other Medicaid State Plan services and available community supports.
- **Personal Attendant Services:** Provides assistance to program participants in their own homes and communities with activities of daily living.
- **Transportation:** Provides reimbursement for personal attendants that perform essential errands for program participants within their local communities.



## Eligibility Requirements

In order to be eligible for TBI Waiver services, an applicant must:

- Be three years of age or older,
- Be a 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 or injury of anoxia due to near drowning),
- Must first meet the Medicaid Waiver financial eligibility criteria for the program as determined by the West Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources (DHHR),
- Require the same level of care as would be provided in a nursing facility,
- Individuals 18 years or older must score at a Level VII or below on the Rancho Los Amigos Levels of Cognitive Functioning Scale,
- Individuals ages three to 17 years old must score at a Level II or higher on the Rancho Los Amigos Pediatric Level of Consciousness, and
- Choose to participate in the TBI Waiver Program as an alternative to a nursing facility.



## How to Apply for the TBI Waiver Program

- Complete a Medical Necessity Evaluation Request (MNER) form. The MNER must be completed and signed by the applicant or legal representative and by a physician, physician assistant, nurse practitioner or neuropsychologist.
- Submit the completed and signed MNER form to APS Healthcare either at the address, fax number or e-mail below. Anyone can submit the completed and signed form.
- Participate in a medical eligibility assessment after financial eligibility has been established. APS Healthcare will contact you to schedule your TBI Waiver medical eligibility assessment.

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