

TBI Facts*

- TBI is a major cause of death and disability in the United States for persons of all ages, races/ethnicities, and incomes.
- In 2021, there were over 69,000 TBI-related deaths in the United States.
- 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.

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



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TBIW Program**

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**West Virginia Home and
Community-Based Services**

**Traumatic Brain Injury
Waiver (TBIW) Program**



What is the TBIW Program?

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

TBIW Services Include:

- Case Management
- Personal Attendant Services
- Transportation
- Personal Emergency Response System
- Environmental Accessibility Adaptions
- Pest Eradication

For more information on TBIW services, please visit the program's website:
dhhr.wv.gov/bms/Programs/WaiverPrograms/TBIW/Pages/default.aspx.



Eligibility Requirements:

- Is at least 3 years old and has a documented TBI that is caused by physical force, leading to total or partial disability and/or difficulty participating socially, or an injury causing lack of oxygen due to near-drowning, and who meets the medical requirements to receive a nursing home level of care.
- Is a permanent resident of West Virginia and available for the required services.
- Meet the financial requirements for the Medicaid Waiver program determined by the West Virginia Department of Human Services (DoHS) county office.
- Score at a Level VII or below on the Rancho Los Amigos Levels of Cognitive Functioning Scale.
 - Ages 3 to 17 years must score at a Level II or higher on the Rancho Los Amigos Pediatric Level of Consciousness Scale.
- Is an inpatient in a licensed nursing facility, hospital, or licensed rehabilitation facility to treat TBI or living in a community setting at the time of application.
- Choose to take part in the TBIW program instead of care at a nursing facility.
- Can provide a safe workplace for the TBIW program and agency staff.



How to Apply for TBIW

- 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 by mail, email, or fax to the utilization management contractor's (UMC) address, email, or fax number below. Anyone can submit the completed and signed form.
- Participate in a medical eligibility assessment. The UMC will contact you to schedule your TBIW Medical eligibility assessment.

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