

# Traumatic Brain Injury Waiver (TBIW)

The **Traumatic Brain Injury Waiver (TBIW)** program provides care at home for members three (3) years or older with a traumatic brain injury. These home and community-based waiver services are for people who meet medical and financial requirements for the program. The program promotes choice, independence, respect, dignity, and involvement with the community.

## Who Qualifies?

### Members who meet the following requirements:

- Be at least three (3) years old and have a documented traumatic brain injury 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.
- Be a permanent resident of West Virginia and available for the required services.
- Meet the financial requirements for the Medicaid waiver program determined by the county DoHS office.  
Score at a Level VII or below on the Rancho Los Amigos Levels of Cognitive Functioning Scale.
- Ages three (3) to seventeen (17) years must score at a Level II or higher on the Rancho Los Amigos Pediatric Level of Consciousness Scale
- Be 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 receiving care at a nursing facility.
- Can provide a safe workplace for TBIW program and agency staff.

## What Services May Be Covered?

- Case Management Services – A professional who helps coordinate and advocate for services, performs evaluation, identifies needs, develops person-centered service plans, and connects the member with services or resources in the community.
- Personal Attendant Services – Someone who assists you in your home and community with activities of daily living (eating, bathing, dressing, grooming, mobility, and toileting).
- TBI Waiver Non-Medical Transportation – Your Personal Attendant can take you to do essential errands and community activities listed on your Person-Centered Service Plan.
- Personal Emergency Response System (PERS) – A device used to request help from a monitoring center in the event of an emergency.



## How To Apply

To begin the process, you must complete a **Medical Necessity Evaluation Request (MNER)** form. Have your treating physician (MD or DO), physician's assistant, neuropsychologist, or nurse practitioner complete, sign, and submit it to:

### Acentra Health

1007 Bullitt St., Suite 200  
Charleston, WV 25301

### Toll-Free:

[866-385-8920](tel:866-385-8920)

### Fax:

[866-607-9903](tel:866-607-9903)

### Email:

[wvtbiwaiver@acentra.com](mailto:wvtbiwaiver@acentra.com)

## Get Help

For more information or help applying, contact:

### Bureau for Medical Services

350 Capitol Street, Room 251 Charleston,  
WV 25301 **Phone:**  
[\(304\) 352-4240](tel:304-352-4240)

### Fax:

[\(304\) 558-4398](tel:304-558-4398)

## Care at Home

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