

# Frequently Asked Questions

## ***What if I have insurance?***

The TBI Fund can be used to purchase services and supports that are not provided through your insurance.

## ***What does payer of last resort mean?***

The TBI Fund will only consider purchasing services and supports that are not available through other programs. Applicants must use federally funded programs before accessing the fund.

## ***Does the Fund provide financial assistance?***

No. The TBI Fund directly purchases the supports and services needed by the individual with the TBI.

## ***Is there an age requirement for eligibility?***

No. There is no age requirement for the TBI Fund.

## ***If I sustained a TBI 20 years ago, am I still eligible to apply?***

Yes. It does not matter when the TBI was sustained, as long as there is documentation from a medical professional.

## ***How do I apply for services through the TBI Fund?***

Applications may be requested by phone at **1-888-285-3036** or downloaded from our website at: [www.nj.gov/humanservices/dds/home/](http://www.nj.gov/humanservices/dds/home/)



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# Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Fund

The TBI Fund provides New Jersey residents of any age who have survived a traumatic brain injury the opportunity to access the brain injury-related services and supports they need to live independently in the community. The Fund provides services and supports to foster independence and maximize quality of life when insurance, personal resources, and/or public programs are unavailable to meet their needs.

## Eligibility

Fund recipients must:

- ❖ Provide medical documentation of a traumatic brain injury (TBI).
- ❖ Have liquid assets of less than \$100,000.
- ❖ Reside in New Jersey.



## Fund Facts

- ❖ The Fund serves more than 500 New Jersey residents with a TBI each year.
- ❖ Every approved applicant is assigned a TBI Fund case manager, who works with the applicant to create a service support plan.
- ❖ Fund recipients can request up to \$15,000 in supports and services annually.
- ❖ There is a lifetime cap of \$100,000 for all recipients.

## Definitions

### *Traumatic Brain Injury*

A traumatic brain injury is defined as an injury to the brain caused by a blow or jolt to the head, or a penetrating head injury that disrupts the normal brain function, where continued impairment can be demonstrated.

### *Liquid Assets*

Liquid assets include checking accounts, CDs, stocks and bonds.

### *Services and Supports*

The Fund will consider requests for supports and services that are related to the brain injury, such as therapies, service coordination, assistive technology, personal care, and more.

