



Services and Supports for Individuals Living with a TBI

**DIVISION OF
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Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Fund

The TBI Fund provides New Jersey residents of any age living with a **traumatic brain injury** the opportunity to access the brain injury-related **services and supports** they need to live independently in the community. The TBI 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.

Quick Facts

- To be eligible, recipients must reside in NJ, provide medical documentation of a TBI, and have **liquid assets** of less than \$100,000.
- Every approved applicant is assigned a TBI Fund case manager who works with the applicant to create a support plan.
- TBI Fund recipients may request up to \$15,000 in services and supports annually.
- The TBI Fund can be used to purchase services and supports not covered by the applicant's insurance or other federally funded programs. Applicants must use these resources before accessing the TBI Fund.

TBI in New Jersey*

- The most frequent injury mechanism related to TBI from 2010-2023 in New Jersey was unintentional falls, making up 53.54% of diagnosed TBIs.
- Approximately 175,000 New Jersey residents are currently living with disabilities as a result of a TBI.
- In 2023, approximately 88,965 adults were seen in a healthcare setting for a TBI. This is a rate of 125 per 10,000 adults in New Jersey.
- A TBI can impact thinking, memory, movement, vision, hearing, and/or emotional functioning such as personality changes and depression.

**Information retrieved from the 2018 Annual Report from the NJ Commission of Brain Injury Research.*

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

Frequently Asked Questions

Does the TBI Fund provide cash assistance?

No. The TBI Fund directly purchases the services and supports approved for the individual living with a TBI.

Is there an age requirement for eligibility?

No. The TBI Fund serves eligible individuals of all ages.

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.

Does the TBI Fund cover acquired brain injuries (a brain injury caused by stroke, aneurysm, tumor, etc.)?

While the TBI Fund only covers traumatic brain injuries, which are injuries to the brain or skull caused by an external force, such as a strike or impact, the Brain Injury Alliance of NJ (BIANJ.org) offers resources for anyone impacted by a brain injury.

Application Information

How do I apply for services through the TBI Fund?

To begin the TBI Fund application process, visit www.nj.gov/humanservices/dds/programs/braininjuryfund/ or scan the QR code below to access the NJ TBI Fund website and click 'Apply Now.'



Scan this QR code to access the TBI Fund website and other TBI related resources.



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