

# Traumatic Brain and Spinal Cord Injury (TBSCI) Trust Fund Program

#### What is the TBSCI Trust Fund program?

The TBSCI Trust Fund Program was created to provide services in a flexible, individualized manner to Louisiana citizens who have survived a traumatic brain and spinal cord injury. The TBSCI program assists participants with returning to a reasonable level of functioning and independent living.

### What services does the TBSCI Trust Fund program pay for?

- Support Coordination
- Personal Assistance Services
- Medication and Medical Supplies
- Assistive Technology
- Environmental Accessibility Adaptations
- Evaluations and Therapy Services
- Transportation for Non-Emergency Medical Appointments
- Durable Medical Equipment (prosthetic devices, walkers, bath chairs, etc.)
- Rehabilitation
- Other Goods and Services (must be deemed appropriate and necessary)

## What limitations apply to the TBSCI Trust Fund program?

- The TBSCI Trust Fund program **must** pre-approve **all** service providers. (In-state facilities/programs are given priority for approval as service providers)
- Services are provided on a first come, first served basis.
- All goods and services **must** be pre-approved before they are delivered and/or rendered.
- Expenditures shall not exceed \$15,000 for any 12-month period or a \$50,000 in a lifetime.

### Who qualifies for the TBSCI Trust Fund program?

Individuals who meet the definition for Traumatic Brain Injury or Spinal Cord Injury defined as:

- **Traumatic Brain Injury** An injury to the head, affecting the brain, not of a degenerative or congenital nature, but caused by an external physical force that may produce diminished or altered state of consciousness which results in an impairment of cognitive abilities or physical functioning.
- **Spinal Cord Injury** An injury, not degenerative or congenital, involving damage to any part of the spinal cord caused by an external physical force resulting in paraplegia or quadriplegia.

#### **AND**

#### Individuals who:

- Are residents of Louisiana, officially living in the state at the time of injury and during the provision of services;
- Have a reasonable expectation to achieve improvement in functional outcomes with assistance (per the treating doctor);
- Have exhausted all other Medicare and Medicaid sources (as attested to by the applicant);
- Provide proof of denial from other sources (if requested);
- Are willing to accept services from an approve facility/program;
- Complete and submit an application for services; and
- Are willing to participate in the development of an Individualized Service Plan that outlines the services that will be provided by the trust fund.







For more information
OR
to apply for the TBSCI Trust Fund Program, please call:

1-888-891-9441

Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The call is FREE!