

HEAD INJURY PROGRAM

The Head Injury Program (HIP) was created in 1988 by the Emergency Medical Services Act of 1985 and pays for head injury rehabilitation services for people who qualify. The goal of the program is to help individuals with a traumatic brain injury (TBI) live independently in their homes and communities.

Who is Eligible?

To qualify for enrollment into the HIP, an individual must:

- be a U. S. citizen.
- have been a Pennsylvania resident at the time of injury and application.
- have had a traumatic brain injury after July 2, 1985 unrelated to a medical condition such as a birth defect or stroke.
- have exhausted all financial resources that could be used for head injury care.
- be 21 years of age or older.
- meet income guidelines.
- complete an application.
- be assessed to determine that needs can be addressed by the HIP through rehabilitation.

What Services are Available?

The following services are available through contracted providers:

- Pre-enrollment assistance
- Pre-admission assessment
- Service plan development
- Rehabilitation
- Case management

Where are Services Provided:

Services take place in:

- Residential facilities
- Day (outpatient) facilities
- Other home and community-based settings

Are there Time or Funding Limits?

Enrolled individuals may receive no more than 12 consecutive months or \$100,000 for rehabilitation services as specified in the rehabilitation service plan, followed by a maximum of six consecutive months or \$1,000 for case management to assist in transitioning out of the HIP. Certain situations may cause an individual's enrollment period to end prior to the time designated in the rehabilitation plan.

Consideration for enrollment into the HIP is subject to the availability of funding. If funding is not adequate to accept an eligible applicant, the individual will be placed on a waiting list.

For More Information or to Apply:
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