

# Traumatic Brain/Spinal Cord Injury (TBI/SCI) Waiver

## Home and Community-Based Services



### What is the TBI/SCI Waiver?

The TBI/SCI Waiver is a statewide program, administered jointly by the Division of Medicaid and the Department of Rehabilitation Services. It is designed to offer assistance to qualified Medicaid beneficiaries. The program allows qualified individuals to remain in a home or community-based setting.

### Who is Qualified?

There are no age restrictions.

- Persons qualified for Medicaid by either SSI or 300% of SSI, Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), Disabled Child Living at Home (DCLH), Foster Children, Adoption Assistance Foster Children (AAFC)
- Persons must require nursing facility level of care, if assistance is not provided.
- Persons must have a diagnosis of traumatic brain or spinal cord injury and be medically stable.
- Beneficiaries must score 50 or above on the Medicaid Long Term Care Pre-Admission Screening (PAS) instrument.

### What services are offered under this waiver?

#### Case Management

- Everyone who participates in this waiver is assigned to a Regional Rehabilitation Counselor. The purpose of the counselor is to monitor the services included in the beneficiary's plan of care and reevaluate annually the level of care required for each participant.

#### Respite Services

- The service is given to individuals unable to care for themselves. Respite care is provided on a short term basis because of the absence of or need for relief of those persons normally providing the care. Currently, this waiver offers in-home companion nursing respite or institutional respite.

#### Environmental Accessibility Adaptations

- These are the physical adaptations to the home, required by the individual's plan of care, which are necessary to ensure the health, welfare, and safety of the individual, or which enable the individual to function with greater independence in the home, and without which the individual would require institutionalization.

#### Specialized Medical Equipment and Supplies

- This includes devices, controls, or appliances, specified in the plan of care, which enable individuals to increase their abilities to perform activities of daily living, or to perceive, control, or communicate with the environment in which they live.

#### Attendant Care Services

- This service is provided to assist with meeting daily living needs and to ensure adequate support for optimal functioning at home or in the community, but only in non-institutional settings. Attendant Care Services may include bathing, personal grooming and dressing, personal hygiene, toileting, transferring, assisting with ambulation, and other services.

#### Transition Assistance

- This is provided to a beneficiary currently residing in a nursing facility who wishes to transition from the nursing facility to the TBI/SCI Waiver.

**All persons who are eligible to receive Home and Community-Based Services under this waiver must first be approved through the Division of Medicaid.**

For more information

## ***Where do I call for help?***

For more information about the Traumatic Brain/Spinal Cord Injury (TBI/SCI) Waiver contact the Division of Medicaid Long Term Care at:

Office of the Governor

Division of Medicaid

HCBS Division

550 High Street

Walter Sillers Building, Suite 1000

Jackson, Mississippi 39201-1399

*Or Phone:*

1-800-421-2408

1-601-359-6141

You may also contact the Department of Rehabilitation Services at 1-800-443-1000.

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