

# The NM Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Trust Fund Short-Term Program



## TIP SHEET

### What is the TBI Trust Fund Program?

This program provides short-term services to individuals who have been diagnosed with a Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI). The Traumatic Brain Injury Program provides three services: Service Coordination, Crisis Interim Services, and Life Skills Coaching. The TBI Program is funded, in part, from a \$5 fee that is added to all New Mexico traffic violation tickets.

### Who is eligible for the TBI Trust Fund Program?

Individuals are eligible to receive short-term services from the TBI Trust Fund Program if they have been diagnosed with a Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), which has been confirmed by a physician or psychologist. Written documentation of a TBI-specific International Code of Diseases (ICD-9) must be provided as proof of the diagnosis. Eligible individuals must be residents of New Mexico. The New Mexico TBI Trust Fund Program is the payor of last resort.

### What services are available?

**Service Coordination**—Service Coordination (case management) is the point of entry for all clients who wish to receive services from the program. TBI Program service coordinators help individuals access TBI-appropriate community-based services. They are responsible for determining eligibility, assessing need, identifying appropriate programs, and for helping clients get and coordinate all the services they need.

**Crisis Interim Services**—Crisis interim services are provided to a person following their TBI or in the event their condition worsens. They can be used following the initial crisis or to alleviate a new one. Funds may be used to pay for home health care; outpatient mental health; therapies; respite care; transportation; medications (for the TBI condition only) and for insurance deductibles. Crisis Interim funds may be used to pay for special equipment, communication and assistive devices, and durable medical goods. Limited funds may be used to move a person into living quarters and for home or automobile modifications. Funding is allocated regionally and may or may not be available for all services at the time of a request. All requests for Crisis interim services must be processed through a TBI Program Service Coordinator.

**Life Skills Coaching**—Life Skills Coaching is customized coaching that provides assistance in meeting the unique needs of individuals with a TBI. Coaching services include: daily living (ADLs), time management, financial organization, dealing with personal relationships, anger management, the use of memory prompts, and how to access social, recreational, education resources and employment.

### How to Apply:

Please call the service coordinator, listed at right, who is nearest to your home, to learn more about the program and to get assistance in applying for TBI Program services.

### Important Points to Remember:

**Program Definition of TBI**—A traumatic brain injury is the result of an assault to the brain from an outside physical force, which has caused temporary or permanent cognitive or physical impairment. A TBI may or may not have caused total functional disability and/or psycho-social disorientation.

**Funding is Allocated Regionally**— and may or may not be available for all services at the time of request.

**To Inquire About Other Service Options**— Please contact the Aging and Disability Resource Center at 1-800-432-2080. Persons with TBI in need of long term services should contact the Aging and Disability Resource Center to be placed on the Central Registry.

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### TBI CASE MANAGEMENT PROVIDERS:

#### METRO REGION

Goodwill Industries of NM  
5000 San Mateo NE  
Albuquerque, NM 87109  
505-881-6401

#### NORTHEAST REGION

Santa Fe Community  
Guidance Center /  
Presbyterian Medical  
Services  
2960 Rodeo Park Drive  
West  
Santa Fe, NM 87501  
505-986-9633  
800-645-3163

#### NORTHWEST REGION

Excel Case Management  
626 East Main, Suite 5  
Farmington, NM 87401  
505-324-8660

#### SOUTHEAST REGION

Goodwill Industries of New  
Mexico  
2601 North Main Street  
Roswell, NM 88201  
575-622-5500  
575-622-4980

#### SOUTHWEST REGION

Sun Country Case  
Management  
133 Wyatt Drive #4  
Las Cruces, NM  
575-525-1969

### AGING AND DISABILITY RESOURCE CENTER

1-800-432-2080