

# Pennsylvania Department of Health



## Head Injury Program (HIP)

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

### Services provided by the Head Injury Program include:

- Pre-enrollment assistance
- Pre-admission assessment
- Service plan development
- Rehabilitation services, such as:
  - Cognitive therapy
  - Physical therapy
  - Therapeutic recreation
  - Work skills training
- Case management

### Services may be provided in:

- Residential facilities
- Day facilities (outpatient)
- Home and community settings

Enrolled individuals may receive 12 consecutive months or \$100,000 for rehabilitation services, followed by a maximum of six consecutive months or \$1,000 for case management to assist in transitioning out of HIP.

### **To be eligible, 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;
- Be 18 years of age or older;
- Meet income guidelines;
- Complete an application; and
- Have needs that can be addressed by HIP through rehabilitation.

### **Who to Contact:**

To obtain more information or an application, please contact HIP at

**717-772-2763**

during regular business hours,  
8 a.m. until 5 p.m. EST.

You may also call the toll-free

**Brain Injury Helpline** at

**866-412-4755**

to be connected to  
an Enrollment Specialist.

**[www.doh.pa.gov/  
headinjuryprogram](http://www.doh.pa.gov/headinjuryprogram)**



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