

Brain Injury Services Fund Program (Revised 11/18/2016) (Short-Term Services for People Living with Brain Injury)



TIP SHEET

What is the Brain Injury Services Fund (BISF) Program?

This program provides short-term services to individuals with a crisis need, who have been diagnosed with a Brain Injury acquired through traumatic brain injury; shaken baby syndrome; stroke; brain tumor; anoxia; aneurysms / vascular lesions; brain infections; lightning / electrical shock; or exposure to toxic or chemical substances. The BISF Program provides three services: Service Coordination, Life Skills Independence Coaching, and Crisis Interim Services. It is funded from a \$5 fee, added to New Mexico moving traffic violation tickets.

Who is eligible for the BISF Program?

Individuals, who are in crisis, are eligible to receive short-term services from the NM BISF Program, if they have been diagnosed with a Brain Injury, which has been confirmed through written documentation by a licensed physician or psychologist. Eligible individuals must be residents of New Mexico. The BISF is the payer of last resort for individuals seeking assistance to live more independently in their homes and communities. The BISF is *not an entitlement* program, and not everyone living with a brain injury will qualify for services.

What services are available?

Service Coordination / Independence Coach Coordinators- Service Coordination is the point of entry for those who wish to receive program services. Service Coordinators are responsible for determining eligibility, assessing needs, identifying appropriate services, and helping participants access needed services and resources.

As Independence Coach Coordinators, they may also provide Life Skills Coaching assistance, unless a contracted and licensed entity is available to do so. Life Skills Independence Coaching is customized to provide assistance in meeting the unique needs of individuals living with a Brain Injury. Coaching services may include assistance with relearning activities of daily living (ADLs); time management; home organization; financial organization; dealing with personal relationships; anger management; the use of memory prompts; and how to access social, recreational, education resources and employment.

Crisis Interim Services- Crisis Interim Services are provided to a person in crisis following an initial event of brain injury, in the event of a worsening condition or to alleviate a new crisis. Funds may be used to pay for home health care; homemaker services; respite care; outpatient mental health; therapies; medically-related transportation and medications related to the brain injury; physician co-pays; special equipment, communication/assistive devices, and durable medical goods; professional life skills coaching / organizer services; once in a lifetime housing assistance; environmental modifications; and retrofit of an automobile. Funding is only available for services that are necessary due to an individual's brain injury. Funding is allocated regionally and may or may not be available for all services at the time of request. All requests for Crisis Interim Services must be processed through a BISF Service Coordinator.

How to Apply:

Please call the Service Coordination agency, listed to the right, which is nearest to your home, to learn more about the program and to get assistance in applying for BISF Program services.

Important Points to Remember:

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To Inquire About Other Service Options- Please contact the NM Brain Injury Resource Center. Persons with Brain Injury in need of long-term services should contact the Aging and Disability Resource Center (800-432-2080) to be placed on the Central Registry for Brain Injury.

BISF SERVICE COORDINATION PROVIDERS:

METRO REGION

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

NORTHEAST REGION

Goodwill Industries of NM
3060 Cerrillos Road
Santa Fe, NM 87507
505-216-3306

NORTHWEST REGION

Goodwill industries of NM
1820 E. Highway 66
Gallup, NM 87301
505-863-6374

SOUTHEAST REGION

Goodwill Industries of NM
2601 N. Main Street
Roswell, NM 88201
575-622-4980

SOUTHWEST REGION

Goodwill Industries of NM
2407 W. Picacho Street
Las Cruces, NM 88007
575-323-5147

NM BRAIN INJURY RESOURCE CENTER

(For Information, Referrals and Resources at ARCA)

844-3NM-BIRC