

# HSD's Brain Injury Services Fund Program

(Short-Term Services for Traumatic 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 Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI). The Brain Injury Services Fund (BISF) Program provides three services: Service Coordination, Crisis Interim Services, and Life Skills Coaching. The Program is funded from a \$5 fee, added to New Mexico traffic violation tickets.

### Who is eligible for the BISF Program?

Individuals are eligible to receive short-term services from the BISF 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 NM BISF Program is the payer of last resort for individuals seeking crisis interim assistance. The TBI Program is *not an entitlement* program. This means that everyone who has a TBI may or may not qualify for services.

### What services are available?

**Service Coordination-** Service Coordination is the point of entry for those who wish to receive services from the program. BISF Program Service Coordinators help individuals access TBI-appropriate community-based services. They are responsible for determining eligibility, assessing need, identifying appropriate programs, and helping participants 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 and for insurance deductibles. Crisis Interim funds may be used to pay for special equipment, communication/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 only available for services that are necessary because of an individual's TBI. 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.

**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 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:

**Program Definition of TBI-** A traumatic brain injury (TBI) 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 for Brain Injury.

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## 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  
505-424-4581

### 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  
505-881-6401

### SOUTHWEST REGION

Sun Country Care  
Management Services  
133 Wyatt Drive #4  
Las Cruces, NM 88005  
575-525-1969

### AGING & DISABILITY

RESOURCE CENTER:  
1-800-432-2080

### BRAIN INJURY

RESOURCE CENTER:  
1-855-849-0921