

What is the Brain Injury Services Fund (BISF)?

This program provides short-term services to individuals who have been diagnosed with a brain injury. The Program is funded from a \$5 fee, added to New Mexico speeding tickets. It has recently expanded to include acquired brain injuries.

Who is eligible for the BISF Program?

A person may be eligible to receive short-term funds from the BISF program if they:

1. Have been diagnosed with a brain injury, which has been confirmed by a physician or psychologist. Written documentation of a brain injury specific International Code of Diseases (ICD-9) must be provided as proof/clarification of the diagnosis.
2. Are a resident of New Mexico.
3. Do not qualify for services through another program, such as Medicaid. The NM BISF Program is the payer of last resort for crisis interim assistance.

The Brain Injury Program is *not an entitlement* program. This means that not everyone who has a brain injury will qualify for services. Funding may not always be available, as available funding is divided between regions around the state.

How to Apply:

Contact the BISF Service Coordination provider in your area. They can help with filling out the application if needed.

What services are available?

Service Coordination helps people access appropriate services. They help to look at your unmet needs and find the services and programs that may help you. They may be able to assist in coordinating treatment and services.

Crisis Interim Services are provided during a crisis by contacting a BISF Service Coordinator. Funds may be used for home health care, outpatient mental health, respite, therapies, transportation, medication, or insurance deductibles. Funds may also be used special equipment, such as communications devices and durable medical goods such as wheelchairs, shower chairs, walkers, etc. Funding is allocated on a case-by-case basis.

Life Skills Coaching helps in the following areas: Activities Daily Living (ADL's), time management, financial organization, dealing with personal relationships, anger management, the use of memory prompts, and accessing social, recreational, educational, and employment resources.

Important things to Remember:

- A brain injury causes temporary/permanent physical/cognitive impairment. It might cause functional disability and/or psycho-social disorientation. A Traumatic brain injury (TBI) is the result of an assault to the brain from an outside physical force. An Acquired Brain Injury is caused by lack of oxygen to the brain from an illness such as a stroke, an aneurism, substance abuse, a tumor, or exposure to toxins.
- For more information about the BISF, contact the Aging and Disability Resource Center listed to the right or go to: www.hsd.state.nm.us/LookingForInformation?services-fund-program.aspx

**For additional disability related information or resources contact:
Center for Development and Disability Information Network
800-552-8195 or 505-272-8549**

Brain Injury Service Fund (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 Rd
Santa Fe, NM 87507
505-881-6401

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 St
Roswell, NM 88201
575-622-4980

Southwest Region

Goodwill Industries of NM
2407 W Picacho St
Las Cruces, NM 88007
505-881-6401

For More Information Contact:

**New Mexico
Brain Injury
Resource Center**
505-272-0411

Toll Free 855-849-0921
www.cdd.unm.edu/nmbirc

**Aging and Disability
Resource Center**
800-432-2080

www.nmaging.state.nm.us/Services.aspx

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