

Traumatic Head and Spinal Cord Injury (THSCI) Trust Fund Program

What is the purpose of the THSCI Program?

The THSCI program was created to provide services in a flexible, individualized manner to Louisiana citizens who survive traumatic head or spinal cord injuries. The THSCI program assists people to return to a reasonable level of functioning and independent living in their communities.

The trust fund is designed to be a program of last resort. A person must seek assistance from all available resources before the trust fund can provide financial assistance or services.

If I qualify, what services can be paid for by this program?

- Evaluations
- Post-acute medical care rehabilitation
- Therapies
- Medication
- Attendant care
- Equipment necessary for activities of daily living
- Other goods and services deemed appropriate and necessary

What limitations apply to this program?

- The service providers must be approved by the THSCI Trust Fund Advisory Board; in-state facilities/programs are given priority for approval as service providers.
- Services are provided on a first-come, first-served basis.
- Expenditures shall not exceed \$15,000.00 for any 12-month period with a \$50,000.00 life time maximum per person.

Who can qualify for THSCI services?

People who meet the definition for *Traumatic Head Injury* or *Spinal Cord Injury* defined as:

- *Traumatic Head Injury*: An insult to the head, affecting the brain, not of a degenerative or congenital nature, but caused by an external physical force that may produce diminished or altered state of consciousness which results in an impairment of cognitive abilities or physical functioning.
- *Spinal Cord Injury*: An insult to the spinal cord not of a degenerative or congenital nature, but caused by an external physical force resulting in paraplegia or quadriplegia.

AND

People who meet the following criteria:

- Are medically stable, including normal vital signs, no progression of deficits and/or no deterioration of physical/cognitive status; do not require acute daily medical intervention
- Have a reasonable expectation to achieve a predictable level of outcome to achieve improvement in quality of life and/or functional outcome
- Are willing to accept treatment from an advisory board approved facility/program
- Are residents of Louisiana and have official domicile in Louisiana at the time of injury and during the provision of services
- Have exhausted all other governmental and private resources
- Provide proof of denial from other sources
- Complete and submit an application for services

AND

The person and family must:

- Provide information required to determine whether the person meets the eligibility criteria
- Ask questions if they do not understand
- Be willing to participate in the development of an Individualized Service Plan that outlines the services that will be provided by the Trust Fund
- Have made every effort to seek other sources of funding, such as private insurance, Social Security, Supplemental Security Income, Medicare, Medicaid, and personal resources

**For more information about the THSCI program or
to apply for services, please call 1-888-891-9441.
The call is free.**