

# Brain Injury (BI) Waiver Program

**A home and community-based services waiver**

**What is the Brain Injury (BI) Waiver?**



In Minnesota, children and adults with a diagnosis of brain injury who require the level of care provided in a specialized nursing home or neurobehavioral hospital may be eligible to receive services in community settings rather than in a nursing facility or hospital.

## Who is eligible?

Participants in the BI Waiver must::

- Be eligible for Medical Assistance (MA)
- Be certified disabled by the Social Security Administration or State Medical Review Team (SMRT) process
- Be under the age of 65 at the time they are authorized to receive the BI Waiver
- Have a documented diagnosis of traumatic or acquired brain injury
- Experience significant or severe behavior and cognitive deficits related to the brain injury
- Be assessed through a screening process and determined to need the level of services provided in a specialized nursing facility or neurobehavioral hospital
- Have an assessed need for supports and services beyond those available through the standard Medical Assistance (MA) benefit set.

## What services are offered?

In addition to the full range of services traditionally covered by Medical Assistance (medically necessary hospital care, physician care, prescription drugs, dental services, therapies, counseling, medical transportation), the BI Waiver offers a variety of services based on need such as:

- Assisted living
- Consumer Directed Community Supports (CDCS)
- Family training education, and counseling
- Modifications and adaptations
- Respite care

People can receive these services while living in their own home, the home of a relative or friend or another community setting, such as a licensed foster care home.

## Will these services take the place of other funding sources?

No. BI Waiver services are intended to supplement, not replace, other funding sources such as insurance, Medical Assistance and Medicare.

## What happens when the participant on the BI Waiver reaches age 65?

People who receive BI Waiver services may choose to stay on the waiver when they turn 65 years of age or go onto the Elderly Waiver (EW).

## How do people apply?

People who are interested in receiving BI Waiver services should contact the county social services agency to ask for a screening or additional information.

Visit [www.dhs.state.mn.us](http://www.dhs.state.mn.us) and select Counties/ regional offices or call the Disability Linkage Line at 1-866-333-2466.

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Office for Equal Opportunity  
PO Box 64997  
St. Paul, MN 55164-0997  
(651) 431-3040 (voice)  
(651) 431-3041 (TTY/TDD)  
(651) 431-7444 (fax)  
(800) 627-3529 (Minnesota Relay Service)  
(877) 627-3848 (Speech-to-Speech Relay)

or the

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services  
Office for Civil Rights, Region V  
233 N. Michigan Avenue, Suite 240  
Chicago, IL 60601  
(312) 886-2356 (voice)  
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