

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 and therapies
- Post-acute medical care rehabilitation
- Home and vehicle accessibility modifications
- Medication and medical supplies
- Personal Care Attendant Services
- Equipment necessary for activities of daily living
- Transportation for non-emergency medical appointments
- Other goods and services deemed appropriate and necessary

What limitations apply to this program?

- The THSCI Trust Fund Program must preapprove all service providers; in-state facilities/programs are given priority for approval as service providers.
- Services are provided on a first-come, first-served basis.
- All goods and services must be pre-approved before they are delivered and/or rendered.
- Expenditures shall not exceed \$15,000 for any 12-month period or \$50,000 in a lifetime.

Who can qualify for THSCI services?

Individuals 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

Individuals who:

- Are residents of Louisiana, officially domiciled in the state at the time of injury and during the provision of services;
- Have a reasonable expectation to achieve improvement in functional outcome with assistance (per the treating physician);
- Have exhausted all other Medicare and Medicaid sources (as attested to by the applicant);
- Provide proof of denial from other sources (if requested);
- Are willing to accept services from an approved facility/program;
- Complete and submit appropriate application for services;
- Are willing to participate in the development of an Individualized Service Plan that outlines the services that will be provided by the Trust Fund

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