

Waiver for Adults with Traumatic Brain Injury Services

Maryland's Home and Community Based Services Waiver for Adults with Traumatic Brain Injury (referred to as TBI Waiver) was implemented July 1, 2003 and renewed for an additional five years July 1, 2006. The administering state agency is the Mental Hygiene Administration (MHA) with oversight from the Office of Health Services, Division of Waiver Programs (OHS/ DWP).

The program was initially designed as a resource for Maryland residents with traumatic brain injury who could not be served in traditional long-term care settings within the state primarily due to the severity of their neurobehavioral deficits. Technical eligibility is based on type of injury, age at injury and the location where the applicant is residing. Technical eligibility is limited to individuals with a traumatic brain injury that has occurred after the age of 21 who are in a state psychiatric hospital, an out of state placement funded through Maryland Medicaid, a state owned and operated nursing facility, or a chronic hospitals that is CARF accredited for inpatient brain injury rehabilitation.

The following four services are available through the Waiver for Adults with Traumatic Brain Injury: residential habilitation, day habilitation, supported employment, and individual support services.

Technical, medical and financial eligibility for the program is established in COMAR 10.09.46. TBI waiver services are authorized by MHA's office of Adult Services. Providers of TBI waiver Services must be approved by MHA's Office of Adult Services in accordance with COMAR 10.09.46.

Residential Habilitation

Residential habilitation services provide participants with assistance with acquisition, retention, or improvement in skills related to activities of daily living and the social and adaptive skills necessary to enable the individual to live in a non-institutional setting. The services provided in a residential program are provided and reimbursed at one of three levels of service, as preauthorized in the participant's waiver plan of care approved by the MHA:

- Level 1 requires a minimum of 1:3 staff to participant ratio during day and evening shifts and non-awake supervision during overnight shift or an awake staff person covering more than one site during the overnight shift.
- Level 2 requires a minimum of 1:3 staff to participant ratio during day and evening shifts and awake, on-site supervision during overnight shift.
- Level 3 requires a 1:1 staff to participant ratio during day and evening shifts and awake on-site supervision during overnight shift.

Day Habilitation

Day habilitation services provide participants with assistance with acquisition, retention, or improvement in self-help, socialization, and adaptive skills which takes place in a

nonresidential setting, separate from the home or facility in which the individual resides, normally furnished 4 or more hours per day.

The services provided in a day habilitation program are provided and reimbursed at one of three levels of service, as preauthorized in the participant's waiver plan of care approved by the MHA:

- Level 1 requires a minimum of 1:6 staff to participant ratio.
- Level 2 requires a minimum of 1:4 staff to participant ratio.
- Level 3 requires a minimum of 1:1 staff to participant ratio.

Supported Employment

Supported employment services include activities needed to support paid work by individuals receiving waiver services, including supervision and training.

The services are provided and reimbursed at one of three levels of service, as preauthorized in the participant's waiver plan of care approved by the MHA:

- Level 1 requires that staff members provide daily contacts to the waiver participant. Level 2 requires that staff members provide a minimum of one hour of direct support per day.
- Level 3 requires that staff members provide continuous support for a minimum of 4 hours of service per day.

Individual Support Services

Individual support services means assistance provided to an individual to enable participation in the community, which may include, but are not limited to, supports involving: budgeting; medication administration; counseling; helping an individual to access and complete the individual's education; participating in recreational and social activities; accessing community services; grocery shopping; behavioral and other services and supports needed by the family of the individual; and developing relationships.

Rates

Rates for TBI waiver services can be found in COMAR 10.21.25.

Residential Hab. Level 1	W0037
Residential Hab. Level 2	W0038
Residential Hab. Level 3	W0039
Day Habilitation Level 1	W0054
Day Habilitation Level 2	W0055
Day Habilitation Level 3	W0056
Supported Emp. Level 1	W0057
Supported Emp. Level 2	W0058
Supported Emp. Level 3	W0059

Individual Support Services W0060

Limitations:

The Program shall reimburse for a participant not more than:

- One unit of residential habilitation services for a date of service;
- One unit of day habilitation per day;
- One unit of supported employment per day;
- A combined maximum of five units of supported employment and day habilitation per week; or
- Eight units of individual support services for a date of service.

The Program does not cover the following:

- Payment for day habilitation on the same date of services as on-site psychiatric rehabilitation as defined in COMAR 10.21.21 and COMAR 10.21.25;
- Payment for residential habilitation on the same date of service as residential rehabilitation services as defined in COMAR 10.21.22;
- Payment for supported employment on the same date of service as mental health vocational supported employment as defined in COMAR 10.21.28;
- Payment for individual support services on the same day as residential habilitation services.

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