



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

Thank you for your interest in the Traumatic Head and Spinal Cord Injury (THSCI) Trust Fund Program.

The attached THSCI Application packet includes the THSCI Fact Sheet, THSCI Application for Services form and the Medical Eligibility form. Please make sure that when you return this packet, the **Medical Eligibility form is included**. This form **MUST be completed and signed by a MEDICAL DOCTOR** before mailing this packet back to us.

In order to comply with the National Voter Registration Act (NVRA), we have also attached a Voter Registration Declaration (VRD) form and a Louisiana Voter Registration Application (LA-VRA) to offer you the opportunity to register to vote. If you would like to register to vote, fill out the attached VRD and LA-VRA forms and mail them to us along with the other completed forms in this packet.

It is important that you mail us the **ORIGINAL LA-VRA** form OR you can mail it directly to the Registrar of Voters' (ROV) office in the parish in which you live. Please note that we are only allowed to forward the LA-VRA form to the ROV office if the form contains your name, address and signature. Also, the ROV office will **NOT** accept copies of the LA-VRA form.

PLEASE DO NOT FAX THE DOCUMENTS IN THIS PACKET BACK TO US.

Please **mail** the **original completed** forms to:

**THSCI Trust Fund Program
P.O. Box 2031 – Bin #14
Baton Rouge, La 70821-2031**

If you have any questions or need any additional information, please contact our office at 1-888-891-9441 or (225) 219-2410.

For additional resources, please contact:

The Brain Injury Association of Louisiana Resource Center
8325 Oak Street
New Orleans, La 70118
(504) 982-0685
info@biala.org

Attachments

Bienville Building ▪ 628 N. Fourth St. ▪ P.O. Box 2031 ▪ Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-2031
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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.**

APPLICATION FOR SERVICES			
TRAUMATIC HEAD AND SPINAL CORD INJURY TRUST FUND PROGRAM			
P.O. Box 2031-BIN #14, BATON ROUGE, LA 70821-2031 • PHONE 1-888-891-9441 OR (225) 219-2410			
Applicant's Name (Last, First, MI):		Social Security #	Date of Birth: (mm/dd/yyyy)
Home Address:			Apartment or Suite Number
City:	State:	ZIP Code:	Parish:
Mailing address (if different from home address):			Apartment or Suite Number
City:	State:	ZIP Code:	Parish:
Phone Number:	Alternate Contact Name:		Alternate Contact Phone Number:
Email Address:	Sex: <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female		Highest Grade Completed:
Other Health Insurance (if know): <input type="checkbox"/> Medicaid <input type="checkbox"/> Medicare <input type="checkbox"/> Other Insurance <input type="checkbox"/> N/A If other, list here _____		Waiver Programs (if know): <input type="checkbox"/> NOW Waiver <input type="checkbox"/> Supports Waiver <input type="checkbox"/> LTPCS <input type="checkbox"/> ADHC Waiver <input type="checkbox"/> CCW Waiver <input type="checkbox"/> SPAS <input type="checkbox"/> N/A If other, list here _____	
Have you ever been enrolled in the Traumatic Head and Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund Program? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
Primary Diagnosis: <input type="checkbox"/> Traumatic Brain Injury <input type="checkbox"/> Spinal Cord Injury <input type="checkbox"/> Both			
Primary Treating Physician's Name:			Phone Number:
Mailing Address:		State:	ZIP Code:
How were you injured?			Date of Injury:
			Age at time of Injury:
Where were you living <u>AT TIME</u> of the injury?		City:	State:
Is this where the <u>ACCIDENT TOOK PLACE</u> ? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		If No, City:	State:

PLEASE READ CAREFULLY – CALL THE NUMBER AT THE TOP OF THE APPLICATION IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

I hereby apply for services through the Louisiana Traumatic Head and Spinal Cord Injury (THSCI) Trust Fund Program. **I will voluntarily provide information relative to my disability/injury/accident and resources available to me.** Refusal to provide such information could affect my eligibility for services. I understand that such information will be held confidential and will be used only insofar as it affects my eligibility for the program and the delivery of services. Information will be released only with my written consent or as otherwise authorized by the policy of the Louisiana Traumatic Head and Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund Program.

I understand that eligibility decisions will be made without regard to sex, race, creed, color or national origin. I further understand that eligibility decisions will be made without regard to disability unless, and only to the extent necessary, authorized by law to comply with Act 654 of the 1993 Louisiana Legislature created for the THSCI program. I further understand that I must be willing to accept services from an approved facility or program and cooperate with my Case Manager and the THSCI program staff regarding services, plans, appointments, etc.

I agree to notify my Case Manager and the THSCI program office within 30 days if I have a change to my physical or mailing address or my phone number.

I certify that I am a current resident of the state of Louisiana and officially domiciled in the state of Louisiana at the time of the injury. In the event I move to another state, I understand that I will no longer be eligible for the THSCI program.

I understand that if my address or phone number changes and I fail to notify the THSCI program office, every reasonable attempt will be made to contact me. If the THSCI program office is unable to contact me, my name will be removed from the waitlist and I must reapply for services.

I certify that the information I have given is true, correct and complete to the best of my knowledge and that knowingly providing false or incorrect information is cause for immediate termination of benefits and that I may be required to reimburse, in whole or in part, the Louisiana Traumatic Head and Spinal Cord Injury Trust Fund for funds provided to pay for the cost of services I have received.

DO NOT SIGN UNLESS YOU FULLY UNDERSTAND THE ABOVE STATEMENTS

Signature of Applicant

Date of Application

Signature of Representative or Guardian (required if applicant is under 18 yrs of age)

PLEASE ASSURE THE MEDICAL ELIGIBILITY FORM IS ATTACHED TO THIS APPLICATION OR IT WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.

PLEASE MAIL THE ORIGINAL APPLICATION TO:

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Baton Rouge, La 70821-2031

THSCI OFFICE USE ONLY:	Application Complete <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	MEF Attached <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	Eligible <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Waitlist <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

THSCI Staff Signature: _____ Date Reviewed: _____

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MEDICAL ELIGIBILITY FORM (MUST be completed by Treating Physician)

Patient Name: _____ Social Security Number: _____

I. MEDICAL STABILITY (Please check one)

Patient is medically stable. (Has normal vital signs, no progression of deficits and/or deterioration of physical/cognitive status. Does not require acute medical intervention.)

COMMENTS: _____

Patient is medically unstable. (Has fluctuating vital signs requiring acute medical attention. Progression of neurologic deficits and/or deterioration of medical condition.)

COMMENTS: _____

II. INJURY (Check all that apply)

SPINAL CORD INJURY (SCI)

The injury is a result of an insult to the spinal cord caused by external force.

Cause of Injury: _____

Result of Injury: Paraplegia Quadriplegia N/A

The injury is a result of a degenerative or congenital nature (Not an external force).

TRAUMATIC HEAD INJURY (THI)

The injury is a result of an insult to the head, affecting the brain, caused by an external force.

Cause of Injury: _____

Result of Injury: Mild TBI (Glasgow Coma Scale score 13-15) Moderate TBI (Glasgow Coma Scale score 9-12) Severe TBI (Glasgow Coma Scale score 8 or less) N/A

Impairments: Cognitive Functioning Physical Functioning N/A

The injury is a result of a degenerative or congenital nature (Not an external force).

NO SCI OR THI INJURY

III. FUNCTIONAL OUTCOMES

According to Traumatic Head and Spinal Cord Injury Rules, the applicant **must have** a reasonable expectation to achieve improvement in functional outcome to be considered eligible for the program.

YES NO Does this patient have a reasonable expectation to achieve improvement in functional outcomes?

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IV. MEDICAL HISTORY

Please list any other medical information related to the patient's injury that you feel is relevant to the medical determination (if applicable).

Physician's Signature

Date

Physician's Name (Printed)

Phone Number

Address of Physician Office

******This form is invalid without signature and legible contact information from the completing Physician******

**PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO:
THE PATIENT (MUST BE SUBMITTED WITH THE PATIENT'S INITIAL THSCI APPLICATION)**