

Program Description

The Traumatic Head and Spinal Cord Injury (TH/SCI) program provides services in a flexible, individualized manner to Louisiana citizens who survived traumatic head or spinal cord injuries. TH/SCI enables individuals to return to a reasonable level of functioning and independent living in their communities through evaluations, post-acute medical care, rehabilitation, therapies, medication, attendant care, and equipment necessary for activities for daily living. Other goods and services, deemed appropriate and necessary, may also be provided with this program.

This trust fund program was created in 1993 by Act 654 of the Louisiana Legislature.

The Trust Fund will not provide any service that is experimental. Service providers must be approved by the Trust Fund. Services are provided on a first-come first-served basis. Expenditures shall not exceed \$15,000 for any twelve-month period or \$50,000 in total expenditures per individual.

Who is Eligible?

The individual must meet one of the definitions below:

- 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 a 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 paraparesis/paraplegia or quadriplegia/quadriplegia.

Individuals must also meet the following criteria:

- Must be medically stable
- Must have a reasonable expectation to improve their condition
- Must be willing to accept treatment from an advisory board-approved facility/program
- Must be a U.S. citizen and resident of Louisiana at the time of injury and during the provision of services
- Must have exhausted all other governmental and private resources
- Must complete and submit appropriate application for services.

Services Provided

- 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



To request an application for services, contact the TH/SCI Trust Fund Program at 225.219.2410.