

# Brain Injury Services Fund (BISF)

New Mexico

## What is the Brain Injury Services Fund?

The Brain Injury Services Fund (BISF) provides short-term services to New Mexico residents who have been diagnosed with a traumatic brain injury (TBI), and who do not have Medicaid/Centennial Care. The Program is funded in part from a \$5 fee that is added to New Mexico traffic violation tickets.

## Who is eligible for the BISF program?

A person may be eligible to receive short-term funds from the BISF program if they:

- have been diagnosed with a TBI, which has been confirmed by a psychologist or a doctor,
- have written documentation of a brain injury-specific ICD-10 code, and
- are a resident of New Mexico.

It is important to note that the NM BISF Program is the payer of last resort. If a participant has services through another program, such as Medicaid/Centennial Care, they are not eligible for BISF.

## How to apply

To apply for the BISF, contact the local Service Coordination Provider from the list on the right. They can provide more information and can help with filling out the application if needed.

## What services are available?

- **Service Coordination** helps people access appropriate services. The provider will look at unmet needs and find the services and programs that may help the individual. They may be able to assist in coordinating treatment and services.
- **Crisis Interim Services** are provided during a crisis by contacting a BISF Service Coordinator. Funds may be used for home health care, outpatient mental health, respite, therapies, transportation, medication, or insurance deductibles. Funds may also be used special equipment, such as communications devices and durable medical goods such as wheelchairs, shower chairs, walkers, etc. Funding is allocated on a case-by-case basis.
- **Life Skills Coaching** helps in the following areas: Activities Daily Living (ADL's), time management, financial organization, dealing with personal relationships, anger management, the use of memory prompts, and accessing social, recreational, educational, and employment resources.

## Remember:

- The Brain Injury Resource Center is available to assist with the application process and to help people connect to other brain injury resources.



### Service Coordination Providers:

**Goodwill Industries of New Mexico**

**Metro Region**  
505-881-6401

**Northeast Region**  
505-216-3306

**Northwest Region**  
505-863-6374

**Southeast Region**  
575-622-4980

**Southwest Region**  
505-881-6401, ext  
3398

**New Mexico Brain Injury Resource Center**

1-844-366-2472

Email:

[NMBIRC@Arcaspirit.org](mailto:NMBIRC@Arcaspirit.org)  
[www.arcaopeningdoors.org/services/new-mexico-brain-injury-resource-center/](http://www.arcaopeningdoors.org/services/new-mexico-brain-injury-resource-center/)

### Questions?

Call the CDD Information Network  
**1-800-552-8195**

or visit our website at  
[www.cdd.unm.edu/infonet](http://www.cdd.unm.edu/infonet)

Informational Tip Sheets:

[www.cdd.unm.edu/infonet/tip-sheets.html](http://www.cdd.unm.edu/infonet/tip-sheets.html)