

# Resources for Adults with Brain Injury in NM

## **Federal/ Financial and Medical Assistance:**

### **Medicaid:**

The New Mexico Medicaid program provides health insurance to many individuals if they qualify under one of the eligible categories related to financial and medical necessity. To determine if you are eligible you will need to apply for Medicaid through the Income Support Division Office in your area (also known as the food stamp office or welfare office). If you are not sure which office you should go to you may call Client Services at 1-888-473-3676 or visit [www.state.nm.us/isd](http://www.state.nm.us/isd).

### **Social Security:**

Social Security Administration administers two programs: Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI). Individuals who qualify for SSDI will be eligible to receive Medicare Coverage after receiving benefits for a period of 24 months. If you qualify for SSI you are automatically enrolled into Medicaid and should receive your card within a few weeks. You can apply for Social Security by calling 1-800-772-1213 or [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov).

For more information on assistance with SSI/SSDI visit <http://www.disabilitysecrets.com/>

## **Medicaid Waiver Programs:**

Medicaid waivers are programs that have specific medical eligibility criteria related to each program. Medicaid Waivers also have income eligibility criteria that have been established by the state. Waivers are the state's alternative to institutional based care (nursing home or institutions). Waiver will help people medically, by providing full Medicaid coverage, and can provide a variety of services related to helping the person with a brain injury live an independent life in their home and community. If eligible, the person will receive a Medicaid card and budget for services to support their needs.

### **Medically Fragile Waiver:**

The Medically Fragile Waiver is for individuals that have a developmental disability which was diagnosed prior to age 22 and have a medically fragile condition. This program does not have a waiting list. To learn more about the Medically Fragile Waiver program you may call 1-877-696-1472 or visit [www.health.state.nm.us/ddsd/eligibility/eligibilitypg7.htm](http://www.health.state.nm.us/ddsd/eligibility/eligibilitypg7.htm).

### **Developmental Disability Waiver (DD Waiver):**

The DD Waiver is for children who have been diagnosed with a brain injury before 22 year old and have a developmental disability (IQ less than 70). The DD Waiver has about a 5 year waiting list. To register for the DD Waiver please call 1-800-283-5548 or visit <http://www.health.state.nm.us/ddsd/eligibility/eligibilitypg2.htm>.

### **Disabled and Elderly Waiver (D&E Waiver):**

The D&E Waiver is for individuals who are Elderly (65 or over), blind, or disabled (all ages) and meet nursing facility level of care requirements. This program has on average a couple of years wait to become eligible for services. To learn more about the D&E Waiver or to register for the program you may call the Resource Center at Aging and Long Term Services at 1-800-432-2080 or visit their website at [www.nmaging.state.nm.us/DandE\\_program.html](http://www.nmaging.state.nm.us/DandE_program.html).

**Mi Via Waiver:**

The Mi Via Waiver is an option for anyone already on an existing Waiver (Disabled and Elderly Waiver (D&E), the Developmental Disabilities Waiver (DD), Medically Fragile Waiver (MF), and the AIDS Waiver) and offers an opportunity for eligible individuals with Brain Injury who are under 65 years old. Eligible criteria consists of meeting the medical and financial criteria: having a qualifying ICD-9 code for brain injury, meeting nursing home level of care, and meeting the financial Medicaid requirement (less than \$2,000 in the bank and earning less than \$1849 a month). To register for Mi Via contact Aging and Long-Term Services Resource Center at 1-800-432-2080, for more information visit [www.nmmivia.org](http://www.nmmivia.org).

**Alternative to Medicaid Waivers (while waiting for a waiver opening)****New Mexico GAP Funds:**

GAP funds provide services and good to increase or maintain independence of people who are eligible and on the Disabled and Elderly (D&E) Waiver Central Registry, have been screened for SSI, or pending approval for the Personal Care Option. To find out more about the GAP program you may contact the Resource Center at Aging and Long Term Services at 1-800-432-2080 or visit [www.nmaging.sate.nm.us/GAP\\_program.html](http://www.nmaging.sate.nm.us/GAP_program.html).

**New Mexico State General Funds Program:**

These funds are available to children and adults who are not currently receiving waiver services but have completed the registration process and are currently on the Central Registry for the DD Waiver. The funding for SGF services is available on a first come first serve basis. If you would like to learn more about his program you may call 1-800-283-5548 or visit [www.health.state.nm.us/ddsd/eligibility/eligibilitypg6.htm](http://www.health.state.nm.us/ddsd/eligibility/eligibilitypg6.htm).

**Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Trust Fund Program:**

The TBI Trust Fund program provides limited case management, life skills training and crisis interim services to individuals in New Mexico which have a diagnosed with a TBI. If you would like to learn more call 1-505 476-4509 or visit [www.nmaging.state.nm.us/TBI\\_Program.htm](http://www.nmaging.state.nm.us/TBI_Program.htm).

**Working Disabled Individuals (WDI):**

This program is designed for individual with disabilities who are working, or have moved from SSI to SSDI and are in the 24 month waiting period of Medicare (known as Medigap). If you would like to know more about this program you may call Client Services at 1-888-997-2583 or visit [www.hsd.state.nm.us/mad/workingdisabled](http://www.hsd.state.nm.us/mad/workingdisabled).

**Personal Care Option (PCO):**

The Personal Care Option provides personal care services to individuals who are at least 21 years of age and meet the requirements of medical eligibility. Also, the individual must already be a Medicaid recipient in order to participate. To learn more about the Personal Care Option call Aging & Long Term Services Resource Center at 1-800-432-2080 or visit [www.nmaging.state.nm.us/PCO\\_Program.html](http://www.nmaging.state.nm.us/PCO_Program.html).

## Additional resources:

### General Information and Education

Brain Injury Association of New Mexico  
121 Cardenas, N.E.  
Albuquerque, NM 87108  
(505) 292-7414; (888) 292-7415 (in NM)  
Web: [www.braininjurynm.org](http://www.braininjurynm.org)

The Arc of New Mexico  
3655 Carlisle, N.E.  
Albuquerque, NM 87110  
(505) 883-4630; (800) 358-6493 (in NM)  
Web: [www.arcnm.org](http://www.arcnm.org)

NAMI-New Mexico  
P.O. Box 3086  
Albuquerque, NM 87190-3086  
(505) 260-0154; (800) 953-6745  
Web: <http://nm.nami.org>

New Mexico Commission for the Blind  
2200 Yale Boulevard, S.E.  
Albuquerque, NM 87106  
(505) 841-8844; (888) 513-7968 (in NM)  
Web: [www.state.nm.us/cftb](http://www.state.nm.us/cftb)

State of New Mexico, Commission for Deaf and  
Hard of Hearing Persons  
P.O. Box 5138  
Santa Fe, NM 87502-5138  
(505) 827-7269 (V/TTY); (800) 489-8536 (V/TTY in  
NM)  
Web: [www.cdhh.state.nm.us](http://www.cdhh.state.nm.us)

### Legal Assistance

Protection and Advocacy System, Inc.  
1720 Louisiana Boulevard, N.E., Suite 204  
Albuquerque, NM 87110  
(505) 256-3100; (800) 432-4682 (In NM)  
Web: [www.nmpanda.org](http://www.nmpanda.org)

### NM Public Education: Special Education

120 South Federal Place,  
Room 206  
Santa Fe, NM 87501  
Phone: 505-827-1457  
Fax: 505-954-0001  
Web: <http://www.ped.state.nm.us/seo/index.htm>

### Educational/ Job Development

Division of Vocational Rehabilitation  
435 St. Michaels Drive, Building D  
Santa Fe, NM 87505  
(505) 954-8500; (505) 954-8511 (V/TTY)  
(800) 224-7005  
Web: [www.dvrgetsjobs.com/](http://www.dvrgetsjobs.com/)

If you know of a resource that has been helpful to you and you think we should add it to our resource sheet for children, please let us know as we would love to share it with others.