

Resources for Children with Brain Injury in New Mexico

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.

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 be 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.

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. Typically, children are exempt from the financial criteria. 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 you will receive a Medicaid card and budget for services to support your 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.

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.

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. Eligible criteria for children consists of having a qualifying ICD-9 code for brain injury and needing assistance with at least two areas of activities of daily living. To register for Mi Via contact Aging and Long Term Services Resource Center at 1-800-432-2080 or visit 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.

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.

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.

Additional resources:

General Information and Education

Information Center for New Mexicans with Disabilities BabyNet
2300 Menaul, N.E.
Albuquerque, NM 87107
(505) 272-8549; (800) 552-8195 (in NM)
Web: <http://cdd.unm.edu/linc/babynet/index.htm>

Family Voices, Inc.
2340 Alamo SE, Suite 102
Albuquerque, NM 87106
(505) 872-4774; (888) 835-5669
Email: kidshealth@familyvoices.org

Parents Reaching Out (P.R.O.)
1920 B Columbia, S.E.
Albuquerque, NM 87106
(505) 247-0192; (800) 524-5176 (In NM)
Web: www.parentsreachingout.org

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

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

Parents for Behaviorally Different Children
1101 Cardenas, N.E., Suite 202
Albuquerque, NM 87110
(505) 265-0430; (800) 273-7232
Web: www.pbdc.org

New Mexico Developmental Disabilities Planning
Council
810 W. San Mateo Road, Suite C
Santa Fe, NM 87505-4144
(505) 476-7321
Web: www.nmddpc.com

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

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

Abrazos Family Support Services
Education for Parents of Indian Children with
Special Needs (EPICS) Project
P.O. Box 788
Bernalillo, NM 87004
(505) 867-3396 (V/TTY)
Web: www.epicsproject.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/

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.