

## **ELIGIBILITY and ENROLLMENT**

The ABI Program provides assistance in locating, coordinating and purchasing rehabilitation and psychological services for individuals who are twenty-one (21) to sixty five (65) years of age, and who have survived a traumatic brain injury (TBI). RSMo Section 192.735 defines TBI as "a sudden insult or damage to the brain or its coverings, not of a degenerative nature. Such insult may produce an altered state of consciousness and may result in a decrease of one (1) or more of the following: mental, cognitive, behavioral, or physical functioning resulting in partial or total disability. Cerebral vascular accidents, aneurysms and congenital deficits shall be specifically excluded from this definition."

The forms in the application packet must be completed and signed by the legally responsible person. The forms include:

- Application for Enrollment form CC-1 (complete, sign and date);
- Rights and Responsibilities (sign and date);
- HIPAA Privacy Policy Acknowledgement form (sign and date); and
- Authorization for Disclosure of Consumer Medical Information (complete, sign and date for applicable purposes).

The participant must be a resident of the state of Missouri, be age twenty-one (21) to sixty-five (65), and have sustained a traumatic brain injury (TBI). Financial eligibility is required only if the participant is to receive paid rehabilitative services from the Adult Brain Injury Program. To meet financial eligibility the annual income must be 185 percent or less of the federal poverty level. Documentation of income must be provided to verify financial eligibility. (See the section on Financial Eligibility for further instruction.) All participants must provide affirmative proof of United States Citizenship or lawful presence in the United States before enrollment can occur. (See the section on Lawful Presence for further instruction.)

Service coordination is provided by the Service Coordinator to all participants regardless. Participants enrolled in Paid Services are eligible to receive the rehabilitation services offered by the Adult Brain Injury Program.

The rehabilitation services are authorized by the Service Coordinator and delivered by providers that have a contract to provide these services (this process is referred to later in the ABI Program Guidebook). A listing of the rehabilitation services provided by the Adult Brain Injury Program, along with a detailed description and information on service limits can be located in the Adult Brain Injury Program Provider Manual.

## **Medical Eligibility**

Medical Eligibility is verified by obtaining copies of medical records that document injury to the brain caused by an external force, jolt, or penetration of the head. The diagnosis of traumatic brain injury can only be made by a practitioner licensed to diagnose. Every effort shall be made to obtain medical records verifying medical eligibility. In rare occasions when medical records cannot be obtained and good faith efforts have been exhausted, a letter from a physician or practitioner licensed to diagnose attesting to the evidence of a traumatic brain injury may be accepted with approval by the Program Manager. Medical records documenting a TBI must be obtained to verify medical eligibility. A listing of the eligible ICD codes is available in the SHS Information System.