

**State of Connecticut
Department of Social Services
Acquired Brain Injury Medicaid Waiver
Information Sheet**

Statutory Reference

CGS Sec. 17b-260a. Medicaid-financed home and community-based program for individuals with acquired brain injury. The Commissioner of Social Services shall seek a waiver from federal law to establish a Medicaid-financed, home and community-based program for individuals with acquired brain injury. Such waiver shall be submitted no later than October 1, 1995.

Program Eligibility

The ABI Waiver serves persons:

- ages 18 through 64, inclusive
- brain injury that is not the result of a developmental or degenerative condition
- dysfunction is not primarily the result of a mental illness
- would otherwise be institutionalized without waiver services
- expressed desire to remain in or return to a community setting
- meet the program's income, asset guidelines and other applicable Medicaid eligibility criteria:
 - Gross Income: up to \$2,022 per month
 - Asset Limit: Countable assets may not exceed \$1,600 for a single individual. For married couples, a certain amount of assets over \$1,600 may be protected if he or she lives in the community.

Number Served

- Current Number of Clients Served: 404
- Total Number of Waiver Slots: 404
- Current Number of Clients on Waitlist 62

(Implemented May 2008)

Program Description

The CT ABI waiver is a (1915c Medicaid Waiver) disability waiver designed to support persons who have acquired brain injuries. The waiver employs the principles of person-

centered planning to build an adequate and appropriate plan of care for the support of persons in the community who would otherwise be institutionalized without waiver services

Services Provided

- Personal Care Assistance
- Homemaker Services
- Environmental Accessibility Adaptations
- Chore Services
- Case-Management
- Respite Care
- Pre-Vocational Services
- Supported Employment
- Vehicle Modification Services
- Independent Living Skill Training
- Transportation
- Specialized Medical Equipment & Supplies
- Personal Emergency Response Systems
- Companion Services
- Cognitive/Behavioral Programs
- Home Delivered Meals
- Community Living Support Systems
- Substance Abuse Programs

Program Costs

The ABI program is intended to enable individuals with acquired brain injury to receive services in the community at an aggregate cost of 75% of alternative institutional costs. Individual care plan spending, however, can be up to 200% of the identified level of care, as long as the overall spending limit remains at or below the alternative institutional costs. The levels of care costs are as follows:

LEVEL OF CARE	COST
Level I (NF)	\$61,296
Level II (ABI/NF)	\$117,600
Level III (ICF/MR)	\$150,552
Level IV (CDH)	\$343,200

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