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Brain Injury Association of MA Wins National Award for Hutchinson Video Survivors of Brain Injury May Apply for ABI-Waiver, Dec. 1-23.

The Brain Injury Association of America has honored the Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts (BIA-MA) with a top award for the video "Moving Home: A Landmark Settlement." The video chronicles a 27 year old survivor of brain injury who was able to move from a nursing home into the community as a result of the landmark settlement of Hutchinson v. Patrick. The national honor was presented to BIA-MA at the Brain Injury Association of America's Annual State Affiliate Leadership Conference, held earlier this month in St. Petersburg, Florida.

"This video documents how survivors of brain injury can recover, grow and thrive if given proper services and a chance to live more independently," says Arlene Korab, Executive Director of BIA-MA. "This is the first successful case for survivors of brain injury in country; we are pleased that the rights and needs of survivors are finally being met."

The class action lawsuit, initiated by BIA-MA in 2006, was filed by the Center for Public Representation (CPR) and the law offices of WilmerHale in 2007. The case was settled in 2008 and thus far, 53 individuals with brain injury have moved from nursing homes into the community and another 60 have started the transition process.

Applications for the ABI waiver, non-residential, will be accepted Dec. 1-23. The next application period The Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts (BIA-MA) is a private, non-profit organization that provides support services to survivors of brain injury and their families and serves as an advocate for their rights and needs. The association also offers programs to prevent brain injuries and educates the public on the risks and impact of brain injury on family and society.

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