



4,318 Persons With Traumatic Brain Injury Are Underserved

Each year over 100,000 Acquired Brain Injuries (ABI) happen in Massachusetts. The 2014 Massachusetts Epidemiology Report on Acquired Brain Injury lists that over 67,000 Traumatic Brain Injuries (TBI) and over 22,000 strokes happen each year. The majority of ABI inpatient hospitalizations, 54% with TBI and 50% with stroke, resulted in individuals being discharged home, with or without services.

Funding for the MRC Statewide Head Injury Program

Budget Line Item (4120-6000)

FY'18 Ask is \$2 million over the FY'17 Budget

The Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts (BIA-MA) is advocating for an FY'18 Ask of \$17,898,807 (an additional \$2 million dollars over the FY'17 budget of \$15.8 million). This additional funding would establish a Care Navigation program - a community outreach program to assist individuals with brain injury after hospital discharge.

About Care Navigation

Care Navigation will enable individuals to make informed choices for services and supports in meeting their needs after hospital discharge. This will help individual's find services and/or resources needed to increase independence, quality of life and get back to school or work.

Care Navigation Activities may include:

- Educating personal support systems to understand how barriers may impact participants' lives.
- Planning mutually agreed upon goals with services and/or supports needed to reach them.
- Identifying and locating resources, services and supports in the local, state and federal service systems.
- Offering one-on-one assistance to help an individual identify the types of work that may be a good fit.
- Facilitating access through the development and/or referral of resources, services and supports.
- Monitoring the status of goals and appropriate supports with adjustments as needed.
- Assisting participants to advocate for themselves and to connect with area support groups.
- Providing outreach services to help identify individuals who could benefit from this program.

The additional funds would also provide additional case management services, community support services, day programs, social recreational programs and other support services.

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