New Webcast Explains Opportunity for Survivors of Brain Injury to Move into the Community; Enrollment Begins May 1

Brain Injury Association has produced a webcast that explains the Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver Program that provides survivors of brain injury, currently living in nursing facilities, chronic care and rehabilitation hospitals, the opportunity to move into the community. The webcast, *Brain Injury and You: The ABI-Waiver*, explains the two waivers, the eligibility requirements, and the services that accompany the waiver. The webcast can be viewed at [www.biama.org](http://www.biama.org) – just click on the webcast icon, bottom right.

“If you are a survivor of brain injury, family member or professional in the field, you should view this webcast,” says Arlene Korab, executive director of BIA-MA, who was interviewed for the webcast along with several participants in the program. “The webcast provides an excellent overview of the program and answers many questions.”

The ABI Non-Residential Habilitation (ABI-N) is for Medicaid-eligible persons with brain injuries, who want to move into their own home, apartment or live with someone else. **Applications for this program will be accepted on an ongoing basis after May 1.**

The ABI-Residential Habilitation (ABI-RH) provides supervision and staffing 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. **The next open enrollment period for this program is May 1-21.**

The University of Massachusetts Medical School ABI Waiver Unit is responsible for screening all applications for clinical eligibility. Applicants may have sustained their brain injuries as a result of a stroke, car accident, brain tumor, fall, and other causes. The waiver program includes supports necessary for a successful transition. Once in the community, survivors have access to a variety of services such as day programs, rehabilitation therapies, and homemaker services, just to name a few.

The Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts (BIA-MA), a private, non-profit organization, provides support to brain injury survivors and their families, offers programs to prevent brain injuries, educates the public on the risks and consequences of brain injury, and advocates for legislation and services.