

ABI & ABI LTC Waiver Application Process



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Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver

The Acquired Brain Injury (ABI) Waiver program provides intensive services and supports to adults with acquired brain injuries working to re-enter community life.

This is meant to be a short term rehabilitative program and not long term in nature.

There are 200 slots on this waiver.

Acquired Brain Injury Long Term Care (ABI LTC) Waiver

The Acquired Brain Injury Long Term Care (ABI LTC) Waiver program provides an alternative to institutional care for individuals that have reached a plateau in their rehabilitation level and require maintenance services to avoid institutionalization and to live safely in the community.

There are 200 slots on this waiver.

Must be 18 years old to access ABI & ABI LTC Waivers and/or to be placed on the waiting list.



Waiver Services

ABI

- Case Management
- Personal Care
- Companion Services
- Respite
- Environmental Modifications
- Behavior Programming
- Counseling and Training
- Structured Day Program
- Specialized Medical Equipment and Supplies
- Prevocational Services
- Supported Employment
- Occupational Therapy
- Speech and Language Services
- Supervised Residential Services
(*excluding room and board*)

ABI Long Term Care

- Case Management
- Community Living Supports
- Respite
- Adult Day Health Care
- Adult Day Training
- Environmental Modifications
- Behavior Programming
- Counseling/Group Counseling
- Specialized Medical Equipment and Supplies
- Supported Employment
- Occupational Therapy
- Speech Therapy
- Nursing Supports
- Family Training
- Physical Therapy
- Supervised Residential Care
(*excluding room and board*)

Consumer Directed Option is available thru both waivers.



ABI Waiver Eligibility

- Are at least 18 years of age;
- Meet nursing facility level of care;
- Have a primary diagnosis of an acquired brain injury which necessitates supervision, rehabilitative services and long term supports; and
- Are eligible for traditional Medicaid

Note: Special financial eligibility criteria for Medicaid are applied for this program.



ABI Waiver Exclusions

The following conditions are not considered acquired brain injuries requiring specialized rehabilitation:

- A stroke treatable in a nursing facility providing routine rehabilitation services
- A spinal cord injury with no known or obvious injury to the intracranial central nervous system
- Progressive dementia or other mentally impairing condition of a chronic degenerative nature such as senile dementia, organic brain disorder, Alzheimer's Disease, alcoholism or other addiction
- Depression or psychiatric disorders with no known or obvious central nervous system damage
- A condition which causes an individual to pose a level of danger or aggression which cannot be managed and treated in a community setting
- Intellectual Disability not associated with an acquired brain injury
- Birth defects



ABI LTC Waiver Eligibility

To qualify for services, an individual must:

- have an acquired brain injury
- be age 18 or older
- meet nursing facility level of care
- be expected to benefit from waiver services, and
- be eligible for traditional Medicaid services

Note: Special financial eligibility criteria for Medicaid are applied for this program.



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Waiting Lists

Both the ABI and ABI LTC waivers are currently wait listed. Each new application received is added to the waiting list for the waiver chosen by the referring Physician.

An applicant cannot be on the waiting lists for both the ABI and ABI LTC waiver.

Emergency Waiting List

Emergency criteria is determined by an Emergency Committee. This committee meets the 4th week of every month to determine whether the applicants applying for emergency status meet the criteria as defined by the regulation. If granted emergency status, the applicant is placed at the top of the waiting list according to receipt date of the application packet. If you feel that you meet criteria you should contact an ABI case manager for assistance.



Emergency Status Criteria

The individual is **currently demonstrating behavior related to his/her acquired brain injury** that places himself/herself, the caregiver, or others at risk of significant harm;

OR

The individual is **currently demonstrating behavior related to his/her acquired brain injury** which has resulted in arrest.



Criteria for Residential Services

- The recipient is currently residing with a caregiver(s) but is demonstrating maladaptive behavior that places himself/herself, his/her caregiver(s), or others at risk of injury or jeopardy AND his/her caregiver(s) is unable to effectively manage the behavior or the risk, resulting in the need for removal from the home to a more structured setting; **OR**
- The recipient is demonstrating behavior which may result in legal problems if not ameliorated; **OR**
- The recipient has lost or is not living with a caregiver.



How to Apply for Waiver Services

For placement on the Acquired Brain Injury or Acquired Brain Injury Long Term Care Medicaid Waiver waiting list, an individual must first submit an application (Map 26) and a signed Physician Recommendation Form (Map 10).

Please mail the completed application **and** the signed Physician's Certification form to:

**Acquired Brain Injury Branch
275 East Main Street 6W-B
Frankfort, Kentucky 40621**

It may also be faxed to: 502-564-0249

Both a Map 26 Program Application **and** Map 10 Physician Referral must be received in order to be placed on one of the waiting lists.



Application Contact

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ABI Waiver Website: <http://chfs.ky.gov/dms/Acquired+Brain+Injury.htm>

ABI LTC Waiver Website: <http://chfs.ky.gov/dms/Acquired+Brain+Injury+-+Long+Term+Care.htm>

