

## TBI FUND

PARI Independent Living Center is the manager of a grant funded through the Department of Human Services for children and adults with traumatic or other acquired brain injuries. This Brain Injury Fund is an opportunity for individuals to obtain services and supports to enhance their participation in community life that would be otherwise unattainable due to financial limitations. Each application should pertain to individuals and should not be used to obtain items/services for facilities or groups. This fund will be available March 16, 2009 through June 30, 2009.

### **Fund Parameters:**

- This is a fund of last resort. Other funding options such as ORS, Medicaid, Medicare or other private insurance should first be explored. Written verification that no other funder will cover the service/item must be presented with the application
- There is a spending limit of up to \$1500 per person
- The need for service/item must be directly related to deficits or challenges caused by the brain injury
- The goods/service provider or vendor must meet all applicable state requirements for the goods/services provided (i.e.: insurance, licensure)

### **This fund can be used for such items and/or services as listed below:**

- Specialized clinical evaluations/assessments designed to provide essential information and recommendations for continued improvement and increased independence. (Ex: Neuropsychology, Physical, Occupational, or Speech Therapy evaluations; Assistive Technology Assessment for specialized equipment)
- Life skills trainings (i.e. cooking, computer training, money management, etc.)
- Assistive Technology such as tape recorders, specialized computer equipment/adaptations or programs
- Adaptive Equipment to increase independence with daily living activities such as bath tub benches, raised toilet seats, grab bars, walkers, kitchen equipment
- Minor home modifications, which can be done by a licensed and insured contractor
- Acquisition of necessary household items/furniture, specialized equipment or security deposits needed to transition from a nursing home/hospital to a new apartment (this only applies to those transitioning from an institution)
- Participation in recreational programs, especially programs that promote individual health, wellness, and self confidence
- Transportation services otherwise unavailable or unaffordable.

## **The Application Process:**

- Obtain an application from PARI Independent Living Center, 500 Prospect St., Pawtucket, RI 02860
- Fill out application (with assistance if necessary), including research of item/service and funding sources. Please attach research to application
- Submit application for review. (Upon receipt of application, you will be contacted if other materials are required and to follow-up with the process)
- Your application will be reviewed by the TBI Fund Committee. After being reviewed, you will be notified if your request has been accepted or denied
- If it is an item or piece of equipment that is approved, PARI will order the item/equipment and will contact you when it is ordered and will be delivered. If it is a service that is approved, you or someone who is assisting you will be responsible for setting up services.

Please feel free to contact **Heather Sprague** at **PARI Independent Living Center**, if you have questions or need assistance with the application process.

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