



**Brain &  
Spinal  
Cord  
Injury  
Program**



# Brain & Spinal Cord Injury Program

Florida Department of Health



## coordinated statewide system of services:

- case management
- acute care
- rehabilitation
- transitional living
- assistive technology
- home & vehicle modifications
- home & community based services
- resource centers
- long-term supports for survivors  
and families through contractual  
agreements with community-based  
agencies

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The mission of the Florida Department of Health is to promote and protect the health of all residents and visitors in the state through organized state and community efforts, including cooperative agreements with counties.

The purpose of the program is to provide all eligible residents who sustain a moderate-to-severe brain or spinal cord injury, the opportunity to obtain the necessary services enabling them to return to their community through a coordinated statewide system of care administered in local communities.



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## Who are we?

The Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Program (BSCIP) is administered by the Florida Department of Health. The program is funded through a percentage of traffic-related fines, surcharges for driving or boating under the influence, fees on temporary license tags, and a percentage of fees from the motorcycle specialty tag.

## What do we do?

The Brain and Spinal Cord Injury general program provides case management and care coordination as its primary service. This is accomplished by employing a statewide system of case managers and rehabilitation technicians. Children receive services from the Children's Medical Service nurse care coordinators and human services counselors. The program also employs regional managers who supervise the staff in their region and who oversee locally the operation, development, and evaluation of the program's services and supports.

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Services include: case management and based on the availability of funding; acute care; inpatient and outpatient rehabilitation; transitional living; assistive technology; home and vehicle modifications; nursing home transition facilitation; and long-term supports for survivors and families through contractual agreements with community-based agencies, based on availability of funding.

In addition to providing case management and coordination for the provision of the services above, the program funds education, prevention, and research activities by providing some funding for the Brain Injury Association of Florida, the Florida Spinal Cord Injury Resource Center, the Florida Disabled Outdoors Association, and others. Other services are provided through agreements with the Florida Centers for Independent Living and the Florida Department of Education/Division of Vocational Rehabilitation.

## What else do we do?

### THE BSCIP MEDICAID WAIVER PROGRAM

For those individuals eligible for Medicaid and needing lifetime supports, the Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Program also provides home and community-based services for individuals who are at risk of nursing home placement. The purpose of the waiver is to provide Medicaid eligible individuals who meet the state definition of brain and spinal cord injury and who meet nursing home level of care with the long-term community-based services and supports required to live safely and independently in the community. The annual cost is not to exceed that of skilled nursing placement.

## Who is eligible?

Florida Statute 381.76 requires that an individual must be a legal Florida resident who has sustained a moderate-to-severe traumatic brain or spinal cord injury meeting the state's definition of such injuries; has been referred to the BSCIP Central Registry; and must be medically stable to be eligible for services.

There must also be a reasonable expectation that with the provision of appropriate services and supports, the person can return to a community-based setting, rather than reside in a skilled nursing facility.

### THE STATE DEFINITION OF A BRAIN INJURY

An insult to the skull, brain, or its covering, resulting from external trauma, which produces an altered state of consciousness or anatomic, motor, sensory, cognitive or behavioral deficit.

### THE STATE DEFINITION OF A SPINAL CORD INJURY

A lesion to the spinal cord or cauda equina resulting from external trauma with evidence of significant involvement of two of the following—motor deficit, sensory deficit, or bowel and bladder dysfunction.



## Making referrals

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Referrals may be made in several ways. For health facilities with the necessary technology and a secure system, referrals may be made on-line. Referrals may also be called into the Central Registry at 1-800-342-0778 or faxed to 850-410-1975. Florida Statute (381.74) requires that all hospitals, attending physicians, public, private, or social agencies refer all new traumatic moderate-to-severe brain or spinal cord injuries to the BSCIP Central Registry.

Individuals may also refer themselves to the Central Registry by calling 1-800-342-0778.

## Assessment & enrollment

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A BSCIP case manager or Children's Medical Services nurse care coordinator representing the program will contact the individual reported to the BSCIP Central Registry within 10 working days. The case manager or care coordinator will work with the individual and family to determine program eligibility and provide information about federal, state, and community

resources. When appropriate and necessary, an individual community reintegration plan will be developed and implemented. The

BSCIP is the payer of last resort and funding for services is based on availability of funds.

## Community Reintegration and Employment

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The Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Program strives to provide or facilitate the services and supports necessary to return individuals who sustain a traumatic brain or spinal cord injury to their community and to enhance independence through employment.

The Program does this in several ways:

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- Through contractual agreements with community-based agencies;
- Through collaboration and partnerships with the Centers for Independent Living; and
- Through collaboration and partnership with the Department of Education, Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

For more information about the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, visit their website at: [www.rehabworks.org](http://www.rehabworks.org) or call their toll-free line at **1-800-451-4327**.

You may also want to visit the State of Florida Agency for Workforce Innovation at: [www.floridajobs.org](http://www.floridajobs.org)

## Designated facilities

### HOW DOES THIS WORK?

The BSCIP has developed standards for best practices for provision of acute, trauma, and inpatient/outpatient rehabilitation services. Facilities meeting these standards are strategically located throughout the state. The BSCIP has also designated transitional living facilities to assist individuals to develop the specialized skills necessary to return to their communities.

A case manager or care coordinator will provide additional information on facilities in your area.

Information on the network of designated facilities may be found at

[www.myflorida.com](http://www.myflorida.com)

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## BSCIP regional offices

BSCIP services are provided through regional offices. For more information, please contact the regional office in your area.

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## REGION 1

Brain & Spinal Cord Injury Program Office  
Midtown Centre

2000 Building, Suite 101-B

3974 Woodcock Drive

Jacksonville, FL 32207

**904-348-2755**

**Serving counties:** Alachua, Baker, Bay, Bradford, Calhoun, Clay, Columbia, Dixie, Duval, Escambia, Franklin, Gadsden, Gilchrist, Gulf, Hamilton, Holmes, Jackson, Jefferson, Lafayette, Leon, Levy, Liberty, Madison, Nassau, Okaloosa, Santa Rosa, St. Johns, Suwannee, Taylor, Union, Wakulla, Walton, Washington

## REGION 2

Brain & Spinal Cord Injury Program Office

3751 Maguire Blvd., Suite 211

Orlando, FL 32803

**407-893-4454**

**Serving counties:** Brevard, Citrus, Flagler, Hernando, Lake, Marion, Orange, Osceola, Putnam, Seminole, Sumter, Volusia

## REGION 3

Brain & Spinal Cord Injury Program Office

9400 4th Street, North, Suite 212

St. Petersburg, FL 33702

**727-570-3427**

**Serving counties:** DeSoto, Hardee, Highlands, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, Pinellas, Polk, Sarasota

## REGION 4

Brain & Spinal Cord Injury Program Office

4500 North State Road 7, Suite 308

Lauderdale Lakes, FL 33319

**954-677-5608**

**Serving counties:** Broward, Charlotte, Collier, Glades, Hendry, Indian River, Lee, Martin, Okeechobee, Palm Beach, St. Lucie

## REGION 5

Brain & Spinal Cord Injury Program Office  
401 Northwest 2nd Avenue, Room S-221  
Miami, FL 33128

**305-377-5464**

**Serving counties:** Dade, Monroe

## Resource centers

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### WHAT ELSE DO WE DO?

The BSCIP supports two comprehensive statewide resource centers. These centers maintain the most up-to-date information pertaining to brain and spinal cord injury, medical, social and financial resources, and other information. They provide linkages to related initiatives and specific information to help individuals and their families cope with injury and its long-term consequences.

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### FOR SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON BRAIN INJURIES, CONTACT:

**Traumatic Brain Injury Resource and Support Center of Brain Injury Association of Florida, Inc.**

**Toll-free Helpline: 800-992-3442**

**Website: [www.byyourside.org](http://www.byyourside.org)**

**E-mail: [info@biaf.org](mailto:info@biaf.org)**

**Headquarters' Phone: 850-410-0103**

**Headquarters' Fax: 850-410-0105**

**FOR SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON SPINAL CORD INJURIES, CONTACT:**

**Florida Spinal Cord Injury Resource Center**

**Toll-free Helpline: 866-313-2940**

**Website: [www.fscirc.com](http://www.fscirc.com)**

**E-mail: [info@fscirc.com](mailto:info@fscirc.com)**

**Headquarters' Phone: 813-844-4711**

**Headquarters' Fax: 813-844-1674**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE PROGRAM, CONTACT THE BSCIP HEADQUARTERS OFFICE:**

**Department of Health**

**Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Program**

**Local: 850-245-4045**

**Fax: 850-921-0499**

**Toll Free: 1-866-875-5660**

**Central Registry Toll Free: 1-800-342-0778**

**Central Registry Fax: 850-410-1975**

**Website: [myflorida.com](http://myflorida.com)**

**OTHER PROGRAMS FOR DISABILITY INFORMATION:**

**FOR SPECIFIC INFORMATION ON ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY, CONTACT:**

**Florida Alliance for Assistive Services and Technology, Inc.**

**Toll-free: 888-788-9261**

**Website: [www.faast.org](http://www.faast.org)**

**Email: [faast@faast.org](mailto:faast@faast.org)**

**Voice: 850-487-3278**

**TDD: 850-877-506-2723**

**Fax: 850-575-4216**

**Disability Clearinghouse**

**Toll-Free: 877-232-4968**

**Website: [www.faast.org](http://www.faast.org)**

**Email: [faast@faast.org](mailto:faast@faast.org)**

**Florida Association of Centers for Independent Living**

**Toll-free 866-575-6004**

**Notes:**

