

Eligibility

You may be eligible for SHIP services if:

- You are a resident of Massachusetts, regardless of age
- You have a documented, eternally caused traumatic brain injury
- You have related issues with cognitive, physical, and/or behavioral areas
- You are able to participate in community-based services

Applying for SHIP Services

Anyone can contact SHIP by phone or email and request an application. After an application is received, SHIP determines eligibility by reviewing all available records related to the individual's brain injury.

Gathering records can take time—if you already have records of the initial injury it will help if you send us copies, but it is not required. Once a completed application is reviewed, you will get a letter telling you whether you are eligible.

SHIP staff can discuss the process with you and answer questions about services, and can help you fill out the application.

For more information, contact:



Statewide Head Injury Program

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What is SHIP?

The Statewide Head Injury Program (SHIP) provides a broad range of community-based services that support individuals with traumatic brain injury and their families. SHIP is part of the Community Based Services Department at the Massachusetts Rehabilitation Commission, a state agency.



What is an Externally Caused Traumatic Brain Injury?

An external traumatic brain injury (TBI) is caused due to a blow or jolt to the head from an external physical force. Brain function can be disrupted by injury in a car crash, serious fall, gunshot, or assault. Soldiers may sustain a TBI from an explosion or shockwave. These kinds of events may result in significant cognitive, behavioral, or social challenges. Stroke, lack of oxygen, and brain tumors are not internally caused TBIs and do not meet SHIP eligibility.

SHIP Services for Eligible Applicants *(subject to funding)*

- Service Coordination
- Regional Service Centers in Springfield, Raynham, Hyannis and Quincy
- Residential Services
- Case Management
- Individual Skills Training and Support
- Companion Services
- Consultation for Families
- Detailed Consultation for Schools, Agencies, and Programs
- Substance Use Disorder Services

Available SHIP Services Regardless of Eligibility

- Information and Referral
- Social and Recreational Programs
- General Consultation for Schools, Agencies, and Programs
- General Guidance about Local Resources
- Time-limited Outreach from Regional Service Centers

Living with Brain Injury

Every year 51,000 MA residents sustain a TBI, most often in crashes and falls. It can happen to anyone—and no two brain injuries are alike. If you or loved ones notice issues with memory, concentrating, finding words, or controlling your temper, you may have had a TBI and benefit from SHIP services.

Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts (BIA-MA)

SHIP was created by the grassroots efforts of BIA-MA members. BIA-MA offers information and resources; support groups for survivors and family members; speakers' bureau; and educational and prevention workshops and activities.

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