



**The Voice of Brain Injury**  
 Providing Help, Hope and Healing to over  
 3 Million Americans Living with Brain Injury

## Join the Congressional Brain Injury Task Force

### About Brain Injury

A traumatic brain injury is an alteration in brain function, or other evidence of brain pathology, caused by an external force. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) estimate that 1.7 million people in the U.S. sustain traumatic brain injuries (TBIs) annually and at least 3.17 million children and adults live with a permanent disability as a result of a TBI. The cost to society for medical care and lost wages associated with TBI is \$60 billion annually.

Individuals with TBI may experience memory loss; concentration or attention problems; slowed learning; and difficulty with planning, reasoning or judgment. Emotional and behavioral consequences include depression, anxiety, impulsivity, aggression and thoughts of suicide.

Physical challenges of TBI may include fatigue, headaches, problems with balance or motor skills, sensory losses and seizures. TBI can lead to respiratory, circulatory, digestive and neurological diseases, including epilepsy, Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease.

Poor outcomes after TBI result from shortened length of stays in both inpatient and outpatient medical treatment settings. Payers point to a lack of sufficient evidence-based research as a primary reason for coverage denial of medically-necessary treatment. This occurs particularly when behavioral health services and cognitive rehabilitation are needed.

### About BIAA

Founded in 1980, the mission of the Brain Injury Association of America (BIAA) is to provide help, hope and healing to the millions of Americans who sustain brain injuries each year. BIAA is dedicated to increasing access to quality health care and raising awareness and understanding of brain injury through advocacy, education and research. Together with its nationwide network of chartered state affiliates, as well as hundreds of local chapters and support groups across the country, BIAA is the Voice of Brain Injury for individuals, their families and the professionals who serve them.

### Join the Effort

The mission of the Congressional Brain Injury Task Force is to further education and awareness of brain injury and support funding for basic and applied research, brain injury rehabilitation and the development of a cure. Please join the Task Force to help make life better for individuals with brain injury and their families.

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