

HB 1854 -- Brain Injury Fund

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This bill adds consumer-based consumer services in comprehensive brain injury day rehabilitation therapy, vocational, and home and community support to the list of services that the Department of Health and Senior Services must expend funds collected by the Brain Injury Fund to individuals with brain injury. The department, in cooperation with the Department of Social Services, must seek a federal waiver from the federal Department of Health and Human Services to allow moneys in the fund to be used for brain injury services under the MO HealthNet Program. Upon the granting of a waiver, 50% of all moneys in the fund must be designated as MO HealthNet federal match moneys. Any approved federal waiver must provide parity in funding for each eligible program service area to create a balance for access to all brain injury services. A 10-member committee must be established to develop service descriptions, regulations, and parity of funding for the eligible service areas, as needed. The committee must meet at least annually to review services using the most current Department of Health and Senior Services brain injury needs assessments and to address any modifications needed in the program services to ensure services are meeting the needs of brain injury consumers.

The bill increases, from \$2 to \$10, the surcharge that is assessed on all criminal cases which is deposited into the Brain Injury Fund.