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Medicare and Medicaid Services officially recognize TBI as a Chronic Condition

EL PASO, TEXAS — September 9, 2024 — Maxey M. Scherr serves as the American Association for Justice Traumatic Brain Injury Litigation Group (AAJ-TBILG) liaison for the Brain Injury Association of America (BIAA) and would like to amplify news that the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) officially recognize traumatic brain injury (TBI) as a chronic condition. This addition means that TBI patients can now be covered under *chronic special needs plans (C-SNPs)* beginning in January 2025.

Back in March 2024, the BIAA released a call to action for CMS to recognize, treat and cover TBIs as a chronic condition. Together, the BIAA and AAJ-TBILG will continue to illuminate the life-long plight of TBI patients, fight for the inclusion of TBIs in all health insurance plans, educate the public about the dangers of all degrees of TBIs and advocate for safety regulations to prevent severe TBIs.

“We are thrilled that CMS agrees with our stance that brain injury is a chronic health condition, and has provided official recognition,” said Rick Willis, President and CEO of the Brain Injury Association of America. “This is an important first step in our fight to expand coverage for brain injury beyond acute care and helps us to make our case that brain injury should be treated by healthcare providers as a chronic condition like heart disease or diabetes.”

“Beyond accessing the acute care TBI patients need, I dedicate my life’s work to help TBI victims and their loved ones get the long-term assistance needed for the rest of their lives,” said Maxey M. Scherr, Founder and CEO of Scherr Law Firm, PLLC.

Maxey M. Scherr founded Scherr Law Firm in 2022 and is licensed to practice in Texas, New Mexico, and Illinois. Scherr ensures her clients get the respect they deserve when injuries affect their lives physically, emotionally, and financially. Scherr is Board Certified and specializes in trucking law and brain injury cases. In addition to her doctorate from Texas Tech School of Law, Scherr also possesses a Psychology degree from the University of Massachusetts-Boston and undertook postgraduate coursework in Neuroscience at Harvard University.

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