

THE COSTS OF TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURIES

TOTAL AVERAGE LIFETIME EXPENSES¹

| TYPE OF INJURY | LIFETIME COSTS |
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| Severe Brain Injury | \$3 million |
| Moderate Brain Injury | \$941,000 |
| Mild Head Trauma | \$85,000 |

The initial hospital stay for a traumatic brain injury costs on average \$162,194, and two weeks of inpatient rehabilitation costs \$59,862.²

AVERAGE YEARLY EXPENSES FOR SPECIFIC ITEMS³



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| Minor Home Modification Projects: | \$5,000–\$15,000 |
| Major Home Modification Projects: | \$50,000–\$380,000 |
| A Vehicle Modified with Adaptive Equipment: | \$35,000–\$56,000 |



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| One Year of Physical Rehabilitation: | \$21,000–\$38,000 |
| One Year of Home Health Care: | \$65,000–\$90,000 |
| One Year of Home Medical Supplies: | \$3,400–\$7,000 |



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| Specialized Equipment: | |
| Standing Frame: | \$2,300–\$5,200 |
| Power Wheelchair: | \$26,000–\$40,000 |
| Customizable Bed: | \$3,450–\$10,000 |

1. Traumatic Brain Injury Model System located at The University of Alabama, Birmingham (<http://images.main.uab.edu/spinalcord/pdf/files/facts&stats.pdf>) 2. Sternberg, S. (2011, March 2) For brain injuries, a treatment gap. USA Today. Retrieved from www.usatoday.com/news
3. Based on HelpHOPELive client expenses paid in FY 2011.

HelpHOPELive is a nonprofit engaging communities in fundraising to help patients and families ease the financial burden of a medical crisis.

We are focused on keeping patients who are living with a catastrophic injury as healthy and independent as possible by developing community-based fundraising campaigns that can help make sure they have access to the full range of health care products and services they need.