



“Dedicated to helping veterans with service-connected injuries.”

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Coastal Authority Care Foundation, Inc. is a nonprofit corporation organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes, specifically to provide grants to veterans with service-connected injuries, especially the “invisible wounds” of mild traumatic brain injury and post traumatic stress disorder. These grants will help pay for cutting-edge medical treatment that is not covered by insurance, which may provide symptom relief and help restore quality of life. Additionally, we may also provide grants to veterans, their spouse or other accompanying family member to help pay for travel and lodging expenses associated with treatment.

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Post traumatic stress disorder and mild traumatic brain injury are two of the most prevalent injuries suffered by members of the U.S. Armed Forces. The Defense and Veterans Brain Injury Center reported total cases of mTBI between 2000 and Q1 2018 to be 383,947 but many veterans are not diagnosed for months or even years after separating from service.

mTBI is caused by a jarring of the head possibly from a fall, explosion, repeated gunfire exposure or a blow to the head.

The jarring causes damage to brain tissue, blood vessels and cells that link areas of the brain and the brain to the body. Symptoms include confusion, vertigo, sleep disturbance, memory loss, headaches, blurred vision, tinnitus, mood swings, anger, depression and anxiety.

Many veterans will not receive early diagnosis or will not seek treatment and in individuals with chronic, persistent symptoms of TBI, traditional medical interventions may be less than successful. The VA released a study in 2013 that covered suicides from 1999 to 2010 which showed that roughly 22 veterans were committing suicide per day or 1 every 65 minutes.

In August 2012, President Obama signed an executive order to improve access to mental health services for veterans, service members and military families. It directed the DOD and HHS to conduct a comprehensive mental health study with an emphasis on PTSD, mTBI and related injuries to develop better prevention, diagnosis and treatment options. This research is ongoing and the issue is that insurance does not cover emerging medical treatments, such as neurofeedback and hyperbaric oxygen chamber therapy, that are providing symptom improvement now.



Veterans are seeking out these cutting-edge treatment alternatives to either augment their traditional medical treatment or when they find no symptom improvement from traditional treatments. CACF wants to help offset costs and help veterans gain access to emerging therapies that are providing symptom improvement and helping to restore quality of life.