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## PROTECTION & ADVOCACY FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY (PATBI) PROPOSED PROGRAM PRIORITIES

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### **Priority I**

Ensure that individuals with Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) will be afforded meaningful access to the New York State TBI Waiver program and Nursing Home Transition and Diversion (NHTD) Waiver.

### **Objectives**

- a. Represent individuals with TBI in Medicaid Fair Hearings and other court proceedings who have been denied access to waiver supports, particularly when denial is due to behaviors associated with TBI.
- b. Advocate for access to appropriate due process, and appropriate supports and services, for individuals with TBI seeking waiver services.
- c. Advocate for individuals with TBI who are unnecessarily institutionalized, including out-of-state nursing facilities, due to a lack of access to waiver services.

### **Priority II**

Provide technical assistance, training and create publications to assist individuals with TBI seeking supports and services.

### **Objectives**

- a. Educate through formalized trainings of clients, consumer groups, and providers on the TBI and NHTD waivers.
- b. Provide technical assistance to waiver service providers on various legal issues affecting individuals with TBI.

**Priority III**

Conduct outreach and education campaign to ensure that individuals, including individuals in underserved communities, throughout New York State know about DRNY, the P&A system, and can access appropriate TBI services.

**Objective**

- a. Conduct outreach to veterans with TBI and identify barriers to accessing appropriate supports and services.
- b. Conduct outreach on the P&A system to individuals with TBI throughout New York State and identify barriers to underserved communities.