

Leavitt Partners' TBI Workshop on the "3-hour rule"

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Traumatic Brain Injury Workshop: The Three Hour Rule

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10:00am – 3:00pm ET



What is the three-hour rule?

- Medicare requires that for an in-patient rehabilitation claim to be considered reasonable and necessary, the patient must ***actively participate in rehabilitation therapy three hours a day, five days a week¹***
 - This is known as the “three-hour rule”
- The rule is:
 - Not based in clinical evidence
 - Used by most payors, including Medicare
 - Inhibits patients with severe TBI from accessing the level of rehabilitative care that they need



What is the three-hour rule workshop?

- This workshop is informed by recommendations in the National Academies' report "Traumatic Brain Injury: A Roadmap for Accelerating Progress"
- The workshop will:
 - Discuss how the three-hour rule prevents patients from accessing essential rehabilitative care,
 - Identify the short- and long-term clinical implications of the rule on patients, and
 - Formulate alternative policy options that would overcome those challenges, **based on evidence presented.**
- Outcome:
 - Consensus on the design of a reasonable in-patient rehabilitation facility standard that would better meet the unique and variable needs of severe TBI patients



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Deliverables

- White Paper
- TBI Stakeholder Consortium
- TBI Stakeholder Convening