



BIANYS Membership Changes effective August 1, 2018

The Brain Injury Association of New York State is making changes to their Membership Program. These changes will take effect on August 1, 2018.

What is Changing?

Until August 1, 2018, memberships to the Brain Injury Association of New York State are valid on a calendar year basis – January 1 thru December 31 – regardless of when a member joined or renewed. Beginning August 1, 2018 memberships will switch to an annual membership with a one-year expiration date. Example: if an organization or individual becomes a member on September 1, 2018 the membership will be valid until August 31, 2019.

Why the Change?

The change to membership will provide BIANYS members with a full 12 months of benefits. Previously, if someone joined (or renewed) in the middle of the year, they would only receive benefits through December 31 of that year. This excluded members from receiving full benefits for all months.

If I renew early, will I lose months of membership?

No, your renewal will start when your current membership year is completed.

I am already a member, how does this impact my membership?

At the start of the 2019 membership year, all current members with a membership date of January 1- December 31 now have an anniversary date of January 1. If you renew your membership by the end of December, your membership will remain the same. If you renew on or after January 1, your membership date will change to the date and month in which you renew. After 12 months, you will receive a renewal notice in accordance with your new membership expiration date.

I am ready to join now – what does this mean for me?

As a new member or returning lapsed member, your membership will be effective on the day your membership is processed and will last for a full 12 months.

When will I be able to access my benefits?

Once your membership has been processed, you will be able to take advantage of the benefits of your membership.