

A lien recorded by the Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Program is NOT a lien on a program client's home, real property, personal property, or earnings/savings. The lien is ONLY on the final court award or settlement from the third party that is liable for the client's injury. A program lien is NOT an encumbrance on the client's real property and does NOT impair or impact title to real property.

**INTERPRETING A PROGRAM LIEN AS A LIEN ON REAL PROPERTY MAY EXPOSE YOU TO AN ACTION FOR DAMAGES BY THE CLIENT.**

The program provides free services, such as case management, and funded services, such as medical supplies, therapy, and home and vehicle modifications. By law, the program must record a lien to try to recover the cost of funded services from any proceeds or settlement to be paid to the client by the third party that is liable for the client's injury. If there is no third party or the court finds the third party not liable, the client must notify the program to have the lien officially released.