



# Katie Beckett Fact Sheet

## What is Katie Beckett?

Katie Beckett is an eligibility category in Medicaid that allows certain children under the age of 19 who have long-term disabilities or complex medical needs to become eligible for Medicaid coverage. Katie Beckett eligibility can help children to be cared for at home instead of a hospital setting or an institution.

## Who is eligible?

A child must be a Rhode Island resident under the age of 19 AND meet all of the following requirements:

- be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen,
- meet income and resource requirements for Medicaid for persons with a disability (child's assets and resources only),
- meet the U.S. Social Security Administration's (SSA) definition of disability (as defined by Social Security criteria),
- live at home, and
- require the amount and type of care typically provided in a hospital, nursing facility or residential care facility for individuals with profound intellectual disabilities.

Katie Beckett eligibility is based on the child's functioning and the level of care needed in their home, and not on any specific condition, illness, or diagnosis. To determine continued eligibility for Katie Beckett, financial eligibility must be reviewed every year and clinical eligibility may be reviewed every year.

## How do I apply for my child?

The child's parent or guardian will need to complete a DHS-2 application either online or through their local DHS field office.

Please call the Katie Beckett Unit for any questions and/or help with the application process:

- If your child's last name begins with A-K, call (401) 462-0760
- If your child's last name begins with L-Z, call (401) 462-0754

Current medical, psychological, educational and other professional evaluations, treatment plans, and progress notes are used to determine if a child is disabled and meets an institutional level of care and should be included with your child's application.

## Is there a cost?

There is no direct family cost for the Katie Beckett coverage group.

## For more information:

Visit the EOHHS website at:

<http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/Consumer/FamilieswithChildren/ChildrenwithSpecialNeeds/KatieBeckett.aspx>

To complete the DHS-2 application online go to HealthSourceRI:

<https://healthyrhode.ri.gov/HIXWebI3/DisplayHomePage>

To complete a paper application:

<http://www.eohhs.ri.gov/Consumer/ConsumerInformation/Applications.aspx>