



# Katie Beckett *fact sheet*

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## What is Katie Beckett?

Katie Beckett is a Rhode Island Medical Assistance coverage group that allows for very disabled and/or medically complex children to be cared for at home instead of in a hospital or an institution. Children are eligible for Katie Beckett/Medical Assistance (Medicaid) based on their needs and their own income/resources, not those of their parents. Financial eligibility must be renewed every year.

## Who is eligible?

A child must meet all of the following requirements:

- be under age 19,
- be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen,
- be a Rhode Island resident,
- meet income and resource requirements,
- meet the 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 persons with profound intellectual disabilities.

Katie Beckett eligibility is based on the type of care needed and the functional level of the child within the home and family and not any specific condition, illness, or diagnosis. Clinical eligibility will be reviewed every year or less often to determine if a child still qualifies for Katie Beckett.

## How do I apply for my child?

Please call the Katie Beckett Unit to request information and an application:

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

The staff can explain what is needed to complete the application paperwork and answer your questions. Parents can request an appointment for help completing the application forms.

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. Service funding is supported by state and federal taxes.

## For more information

Visit the Executive Office of Health & Human Services website at [www.eohhs.ri.gov](http://www.eohhs.ri.gov) or call the Katie Beckett Unit at the phone numbers listed above. Applications are available on the website under Katie Beckett.