



STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

**Department of Human Services**  
DIVISION OF HEALTH CARE QUALITY,  
FINANCING AND PURCHASING  
Center for Child and Family Health  
74 West Road Building 74  
Cranston, Rhode Island 02920

Dear Parent/Legal Guardian,

This letter and the enclosed Katie Beckett application packet for Medical Assistance have been sent to you as you requested or at the request of someone else on your behalf.

The RI Department of Human Services (DHS) provides Medical Assistance through the Katie Beckett coverage group to children with disabilities living at home who also require the level of care and services provided in a medical or psychiatric hospital, a nursing facility or an Intermediate Care Facility for the Mentally Retarded (ICF/MR) group home (which serves children with developmental disabilities).

The Katie Beckett Unit processes all new Katie Beckett applications and annual re-determinations. The staff is available to assist with the application process and to answer questions about RI Medicaid-covered services, eligibility, and other DHS Programs.

Carla Russo, a parent consultant, has recently joined our team. Carla is a parent of a child who has had Katie Beckett coverage. She is available to answer your Katie Beckett questions and to help parents understand how Katie Beckett coverage can help their child and family. Carla can be reached at 401-462-0633. She is here Monday through Friday, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm. You can leave her a confidential message and she will return your call.

Please complete the enclosed application forms, making certain to sign each form that requires a parent or guardian signature. If you should have questions or need assistance in completing these forms, please contact our parent consultant (401-462-0633) or your child's Social Case Worker:

If your child's last name begins with A-K, call Anne Kitowicz at 401-462-0760

If your child's last name begins with L-Z, call Ann Murphy at 401-462-0754

You are encouraged to submit copies of recent clinical evaluations (examples: Medical, Behavioral, Physical, Occupational and Speech/Language) with your application. If more clinical information is necessary to determine disability or level of care, you will receive a letter informing you of what specific clinical information is needed. This request may include recent Early Intervention or school evaluations, hospital discharge summaries, or medical and behavioral health specialty evaluations.

Katie Beckett eligibility decisions must be made within ninety (90) days of the date DHS receives the application. Recent clinical information helps our clinical reviewers make eligibility decisions accurately and promptly. Copies of medical release forms are enclosed for your use, as providers are required to have signed medical releases before sending information to the Katie Beckett Unit. For more information about Katie Beckett and RI Medical Assistance, please visit the RI DHS website at [www.dhs.ri.gov](http://www.dhs.ri.gov).

Sincerely,

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