



The Katie Beckett Eligibility Option

The “Katie Beckett Eligibility Option” is an optional Medicaid eligibility category which allows a State to waive parental income and resources for any child under 19 years old who has a disability and meets a level of care that would make the child eligible for placement in a hospital, nursing facility, or Intermediate Care Facility for persons with intellectual disabilities (ICF/ID).

Applications for Medicaid under the Katie Beckett Eligibility Option are made at your local Welfare/Medicaid Office

How To Apply

1. Apply for SSI/Medicaid

(when applying for Medicaid, be sure to complete the Medical Assistance for the Aged, Blind, and Disabled (MAABD) portion.)

2. Advise the caseworker that you are applying for the Katie Beckett Eligibility Option.
3. Fill out the application as if the child is applying him/herself for SSI and Medicaid
4. Do not leave any questions unanswered, as unanswered questions delay actions on applications. If necessary, print N/A.

Need To Know

1. The child must have a disability based on criteria established by the Social Security Administration but does not qualify for SSI due to the income and resources of the parents.
2. The child must have a level of care that would be provided in a hospital, nursing facility, or Intermediate Care Facility for persons with intellectual disability (ICF/ID)
3. A physician must validate that it is appropriate for the child to receive necessary services in the home.
4. Costs for medical coverage cannot exceed the amount that Medicaid would pay if the child were institutionalized (this depends on the specific level of care).

You will need:

1. verification of income for you and your child,
2. some verification of the severity of your child's disability



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1. Visit AccessNevada.dwss.nv.gov
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