

Nebraska DHHS

Katie Beckett Program

WHAT IS THE KATIE BECKETT PROGRAM?

This program is for children who live in their parent's home. It provides Medicaid eligibility to children who otherwise require hospitalization because of their high level of health care needs.

WHO MAY NEED THIS PROGRAM?

Families who are not eligible for Medicaid and have a child or children under age 19 years, who have one or more of the following:

- A ventilator to breathe at least 10 hours per day;
- A tracheostomy with regular bronchial tree suctioning;
- A need for intravenous therapy involving central lines for daily fluids or nutrition at least 10 hours per day; and
- Continuous assessment and medical intervention to prevent life-threatening situations.



WHAT SERVICES MAY BE AVAILABLE THROUGH THE KATIE BECKETT PROGRAM?

All Medicaid services based on medical need, including but not limited to:

- Nursing care in the home;
- Hospital stays;
- Medicine, medical supplies, and equipment; and
- Physician fees.

MY CHILD LOST SSI AFTER BEING DISCHARGED FROM THE HOSPITAL AND WE EARN TOO MUCH MONEY TO QUALIFY FOR MEDICAID. MY CHILD NEEDS IN-HOME NURSING CARE. CAN THE KATIE BECKETT PROGRAM HELP?

Only the child's income and resources are used to determine Medicaid eligibility for children served by the Katie Beckett program.



DOES A PRIVATE HEALTH INSURANCE POLICY AFFECT ELIGIBILITY?

No, your child can still be eligible for the program if your family has private health insurance through a job or another group. Medicaid pays after your other health insurance has paid.

HOW DO I APPLY FOR THE KATIE BECKETT PROGRAM?

Contact your local DHHS office to begin the Medicaid application process, and be sure to say you want your child assessed to determine if they qualify for Katie Beckett.

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